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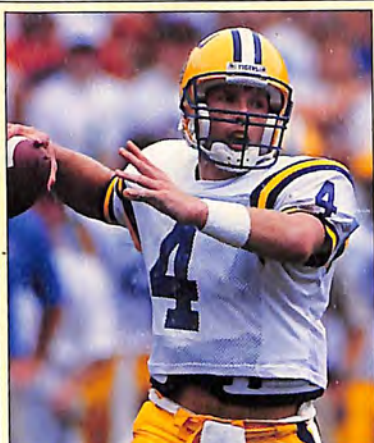
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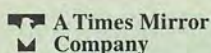
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**W**hen the Illinois football team is staying in a hotel during a trip, it's best to avoid the room Dana Howard and John Holecek share.

On some occasions, Howard wants to watch "Soul Train" and John Holecek prefers to watch "Dick Clark or whatever." Suddenly, the Illinois inside linebackers are laughing and dueling for possession of the remote control.

Other times, Howard decides that since their musical preferences so offend one another, the best choice is silence. So rather than argue with Holecek, Howard clicks off the television. Or he simply surrenders, tosses Holecek the remote control and goes to sleep.

Yes, the 6-foot, 239-pound Howard and the 6-2, 228-pound Holecek—so in tune on the field and in friendship since arriving in Champaign, Ill., in the fall of 1990—get along about virtually everything except . . .

"He doesn't like rap music," Howard said. "He listens to the Red Hot Chili Peppers. I tried, I really tried, but I can't get along with that."

This all must have gotten back to the Illinois coaches, who separated Howard and Holecek on road ventures late last season, perhaps theorizing that it wasn't worth risking a fluke injury to either star in a mischievous wrestling match over what type of music would be played.

This friendship can be (and at times has been) overstated. Howard, a 1993 All-America from East St. Louis, Ill., and Holecek, a '93 All-Big Ten Conference selection from the blue-collar Chicago suburb of Steger, are not inseparable. Each has his own circle of friends away from football. Both scoff about past attempts to turn their relationship into some sort of grand sociology laboratory.

"That's been way overanalyzed," Holecek said. "I didn't grow up with a silver spoon in my mouth. I didn't belong to a country club." Holecek's parents are divorced. His mother, who works as a newspaper reporter, has remarried.

Howard said he tries "to teach John a lot of stuff. He tries to teach me a lot of stuff. But it really doesn't matter where you're from, does it? If you can get along, you can get along. And he's a great linebacker."

They are teammates and friends who have each other's phone number and use same, who can fill quite a few pages in a notebook with flattering prose about each other. "I really think Dana is John's biggest fan and John is Dana's biggest fan," said Chris Cosh, the Illini's inside-linebackers coach. "The competitor in them makes them both work harder."

As friends have been known to do,

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Photo illustration by Michael Bruner from photos by, left to right, Malcolm W. Emmons (Nitschke), Ron Vesely (Howard), Ronald L. Mrowiec (Butkus) and Vesely (Holecek).



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Their backgrounds are vastly different, but Illini defenders share links (Butkus, Nitschke) to past

In Illinois linebacking lore (and in the magic world of photo illustration), Dana Howard (second from left) and John Holecek (right) rate places alongside the likes of Ray Nitschke (left) and Dick Butkus. Howard, from East St. Louis, Ill., and Holecek, from a Chicago suburb, are much attuned on the field and are good friends off it—but neither considers the relationship a great study in sociology.





they also jab one another. "When I read one article about 'Dana Howard's sidekick John Holecsek,'" Holecsek said, "my mouth kind of dropped. I said, 'Sidekick?'"

Holecsek took that to mean that he was supposed to be carrying Howard's clubs, or perhaps, more appropriately, falling on the pile. "I didn't realize I was his sidekick," said Holecsek, an accounting major. "But he's a great player and I consider it an honor to play with him."

Howard, a speech communications major, has a sonorous voice that would be suitable for voice-over promos for the next episode of, say, the Thursday night comedy lineup on NBC. Instead, he often uses it to imitate Holecsek.

"He tries to act like he's black," Howard said, "and then I try to get real proper and he gets mad. He'll say something like, 'You guys,' and I'll say: 'Gosh darn it, do you guys want to watch the Red Hot Chili Peppers?' He gets mad, but it's all in fun."

Third-year Illinois Coach Lou Tepper was Howard's and Holecsek's position coach before succeeding John Mackovic as head coach in 1992. Tepper remembers hearing Howard imitate Holecsek at practice a couple of years ago. According to Tepper, Howard said: "I am John Holecsek, from the lily-white suburbs of Chicago." Tepper added, "You would have sworn it was John talking, but it was Dana."

Holecsek gets mad, but he also gets over it.

"I worked for a bank in the summers, and when I did speaking engagements at the Boys and Girls Clubs, I'd always drag Dana along," Holecsek said. "We don't hang out together, but we've gotten to know each other really well. He's got a lighter side to him away from the field, but he's really intense on the field. Put a ball in front of him, and I know I wouldn't want to get hit by him."

On the field. That's where the relationship between Howard and Holecsek is truly striking. "We've made each other better," Howard said. They have extraordinary communication, sometimes without a word, on the field. Their games are not identical, but they complement each other. Any sense of competition between the two is a motivational aid—and not a problem.

They will be inexorably linked in the Illinois archives, which already document the work of, among others, Dick Butkus, Ray Nitschke, Red Grange, Jim Grabowski and Alex Agase.

Howard & Holecsek.

Holecsek & Howard.

They came to Champaign as a two-man linebacking recruiting class. That meant they were destined to spend so much time together in the locker room and on the field, they had *better* learn to like each other. And that wasn't a problem.

"We were two guys who played the same position, and we had the same mind set, the same goals, and we kind of grew together from there over the next four years," Holecsek said.

But the places where each grew up as youths offer a stark contrast in the Illinois landscape.

Howard was reared within sight of the St. Louis Gateway Arch, and a few steps from poverty and potential trouble. His father, Jeffery, works in construction; his mother, LaVerne, is a custodian at an elementary school.

They both nurtured Dana. But Howard's ring of support didn't end there. Among others who helped guide him to success were his kids-league baseball coach, telephone installer Larry Hampton; an older neighbor, Kevin Ramsey, now an assistant football coach at West Virginia; and Bob Shannon, the noted East St. Louis High School football coach.

"When you're from where I'm from, you have to have discipline or you get lost," said Howard, whose great uncle was former New York Yankees catcher Elston Howard. "You can hang with the wrong people and once you get on the wrong track, you can be lost forever. I hung out with people who pushed me to where I am now. My mother and father would get on me a lot. When they didn't let me go somewhere during the week, I'd get mad. Now I see why they did all that."

At East St. Louis High School, Shannon has molded some of the most successful teams in the nation over the last decade. Some gifted players have emerged from that program, including All-Pro Miami Dolphins linebacker Bryan Cox, who was a teammate of Howard's older brother, Jeff, in high school.

"Coach Shannon told us, 'Hey, everybody doesn't have a chance to play on Sundays,'" Howard said. "He'd give us the stats all the time. This number of guys play high school football, and there are this many scholarships. This number of guys get scholarships and this number play pro football. He'd tell us to think about education, not just sports."

When it came time for prospective student/athletes from East St. Louis to select a college in the early 1980s, Illinois was considered *program non grata*. Then-Illinois coach Mike White made what some considered to be demeaning remarks about why he

only halfheartedly recruited Chicago's South Side and East St. Louis, and they were held against the Illini program even after White departed Champaign after the 1987 season. But Howard's presence at Illinois is part of a reconciliation between East St. Louis High School and the later regimes of Mackovic and Tepper, who served as the Illini's assistant head coach/defensive coordinator/inside-linebackers coach before being promoted to the top job after Mackovic departed Illinois following the 1991 season to take over at Texas. As a ballyhooed high school linebacker, Howard was hearing from virtually every program in the country—but he chose to stay in his home state.

Holecsek came to the Illini from Steger, located south of Chicago less than 10 miles from the Indiana border. The contrast between Holecsek's background and Howard's isn't as dramatic as their choices coming out of high school. Unlike the heavily recruited Howard, Holecsek wasn't besieged by scholarship offers as a senior at Marian Catholic High.

"This is the only Big Ten school besides Wisconsin that offered me anything," Holecsek said. "Wisconsin came in real late when Barry Alvarez came in and they were scrambling for recruits. I visited here and they didn't offer me anything then. I was extremely interested, so I waited. I found out they were waiting on a couple of guys who ended up committing to Notre Dame and Michigan, and I got my scholarship."

During their 1990 redshirt season, Howard and Holecsek talked and lifted weights. They sat in meetings together and stayed out on the field after practice to work with Tepper. "And we were on the scout team," Howard said. "I don't think either one of us wanted to be there, but Coach Mackovic had us there. We said we would create a lot of havoc together. And that's exactly what we did."

It was a preview of when they would be playing against someone other than teammates. Their time arrived in 1991, when they started as redshirt freshmen. Howard's big talent was stuffing or chasing down the run. Somehow, even with less than eye-opening speed, he had the ability to get there. He had the instinct and the intelligence to know where to be, and to arrive for the collision. Holecsek's strengths were technique and diagnosis. If he got there, and he usually did, he didn't miss.

Through the first half of the '91 season, Holecsek actually had more tackles than Howard. But in the sixth game, Holecsek suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his knee. He subsequently underwent the first of two surgeries on the knee. "Had John not been injured," Tepper said, "I'm pretty much convinced he may have been the one tabbed (to win the awards). You can't come up with two guys to be Butkus Award winners or whatever."

At the end of the 1991 season, Howard was named the Illini's Rookie of the Year—and Holecsek took a picture of his friend with the award at the team banquet. Tepper makes a point of telling that story, but Holecsek doesn't understand why that's a big deal.

"Coach Tepper thought that was an un-



A ring of support helped gritty Dana Howard steer clear of trouble in his formative years.

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selfish thing," Holecsek said. "But Dana's a friend of mine. I don't care. He's not the type where anything goes to his head. It's not like we're so competitive that we can't share in each other's achievements."

About the only thing that can rankle Holecsek about the linebackers' friendly competition is that in its zeal to promote Howard and help him pile up tackles (a subjective figure), the press-box statistics crew sometimes overlooks Holecsek's tackles. "I go by my coaches' grades," Holecsek said. "Like in the Penn State game last year, they had me for two tackles and by looking at the film, I knew that any moron would give me nine."

**W**hen they first showed up at Illinois, they called themselves "Rocky" and "Apollo Creed." But because Holecsek and Howard play at the same school that produced Butkus (1962-64) and Nitschke (1955-57), and they are being pushed for postseason honors, it's no surprise that the Illinois sports information office has jumped on the fact that Cosh eventually nicknamed Howard "Butkus" and Holecsek "Nitschke."

"I think there's a responsibility when you play linebacker here because of the tradition," Cosh said. "I know that when I was growing up, my heroes were Butkus and Nitschke. I'd ask my dad who was better, Butkus or Nitschke? He would tell me, 'Well, they're both so good...' When I got here, I thought, 'These guys both are good,' so I gave them the nicknames."

You get the feeling the players are not wild about it, but are merely playing along. "I never wanted to be compared to them and I don't take it too seriously," Holecsek said. "I mean, it's a great compliment, but we don't really take it seriously."

Howard and Holecsek are part of a stingy Illinois defense that returns all 11 starters and also features pro prospects at the two outside-linebacker spots—juniors Simeon Rice and Kevin Hardy. Rice and Hardy, in fact, are bigger and faster than Howard and Holecsek, and their work on the outside undoubtedly has helped Holecsek and Howard make the most of their working relationship on the inside. The bottom line for Illinois: If the two seniors and the two juniors all perform to their capabilities, this could be one of the best sets of linebackers in Big Ten history. "As a unit, it's something special because we're all so different and we blend so well," Holecsek said.

"We know what each of us can do and we know what we lack," Holecsek said of his relationship with Howard. "We try to help each other out. Dana's extremely emotional and he tries to get you fired up."

Said Howard: "I push him and he pushes me. We're competing to see who makes the least mistakes, the most tackles."

At times in the sporting world of 1994, historical comparisons and references are lost on the athletes directly involved. Reporters and other observers tend to forget they're often referring to games telecast in black and white, and expecting athletes who weren't born when the 1972 Miami Dolphins went undefeated to remember watching games from their mothers' wombs... or even earlier. If the athletes don't spend time at the library, reading newspaper microfilm and



**John Holecsek occasionally feels overlooked, but he takes solace in his coaches' grading.**

books, or poring over old highlight films, others can be offended. Often overlooked is the fact that ancient football history to a lot of these players is William (Refrigerator) Perry scoring a touchdown in Super Bowl XX, or old-timers Joe Montana and Jerry Rice blowing out Denver in Super Bowl XXIV.

For Howard and Holecsek, the Illinois linebacker tradition in some ways has more to do with Darrick Brownlow, an Illini standout from 1987-90, than with Butkus and Nitschke. That said, Holecsek and Howard at least have come to understand that the Illinois linebacking heritage runs deep. They've seen the NFL Films footage of Butkus' ferocity. They see his jersey on the wall in the football facility. They hear their Midwestern elders rave about the play of both Nitschke and Butkus.

Butkus hasn't made an appearance in the Illinois locker room during the tenure of Howard and Holecsek, but Nitschke stopped by during their redshirt freshman season. Nitschke's spiel was that he was so fired up that he felt like putting on a uniform and playing himself. When some of the players smiled and laughed, Nitschke was "offended," challenging them to fight. Nitschke's pep talk was a cross between motivation and theater, and the players ate it up, admiring his spunk.

Howard has plenty of motivation to succeed. Last year, the Illini finished 5-6 and failed to go to a bowl game for the first time since the end of the 1987 season. With that in mind, Howard wants to take Illinois to a place it hasn't been since after the 1983 campaign.

"Getting to the Rose Bowl would be the ultimate goal," Howard said. "Besides that, I really want to win the Butkus Award because I feel like it's time for it to come back to the University of Illinois, where it belongs."

Howard considered entering this year's National Football League draft. The word from the NFL advisory panel was that he would be drafted between the third and seventh rounds. Howard didn't like the sound of that. He remembers watching Cox playing for the Dolphins and thinking about how one

East St. Louis linebacker was making a lot of money, and he pondered trying to make the move this year instead of next.

"It was tough," Howard said. "The money's right there in your face. And a lot of people never have a chance of getting that. I said, 'Hey, if it's there this year, it's going to be there next year.'"

Indeed, the money will be there, but so will the questions concerning Howard's ability to play in the NFL. Some people question his height, speed and ability to play pass defense. At 6-0, he's considered short, but Howard points at other top-flight linebackers (Mike Singletary and Sam Mills, for example) who weren't particularly tall, either. And he's working on improving his 4.75 time in the 40-yard dash.

Tepper sent him to Illinois track Coach Willie Williams for some speed work, and it already has paid off. Howard says Williams, who uses a strange variety of drills and sleds, has helped him cut his 40 time to a low of 4.62. "He's going to make it in the NFL," Tepper said, "but going in with a 4.75 label, he wouldn't get as much time as he would with a 4.65 label."

If Howard didn't have so much respect for Tepper, he might have opted to turn pro after last season. Aside from recruiting and coaching Howard, Tepper stood by him during one 1992 controversy. Howard and some teammates attended a Black Fraternity Council dance at the student union that fall, and Howard was involved in a fight at the dance. As the story came out over the following weeks, it became clear that Howard hadn't been an instigator and that he had responded to a confrontation. He ended up pleading guilty to a misdemeanor battery charge. Tepper suspended him for one game, not because he was passing judgment about the charge but because Howard had broken an "exemplary conduct" clause that he and his players sign. Tepper was saying that Howard should have left when he had the chance, before the scene turned ugly.

Given Howard's track record, it's clear the incident was an aberration. "I learned that you always don't have to show how tough you are," Howard said. "It takes more of a man to walk away. From now on, that's what I'll be doing, walking away."

But don't expect him to avoid confrontations on the field, where his decision to return for his senior season means he and Holecsek have one more year together as a tandem.

Holecsek undoubtedly will draw some interest from the NFL. This season, he plans to play without a knee brace, or at least use a much lighter one. Either way, he'll enhance his chance of playing for pay if his knee remains strong and he adds some weight.

But before Howard and Holecsek worry about the NFL, they have some unfinished business to attend to. Last season, Illinois finished 14th in the nation in total defense (309.3 yards per game). This year, Howard and Holecsek have their sights set on finishing No. 1.

"You can't just think of the linebackers," Holecsek said. "You have to be defensive-oriented. We want to be the top defense in the country and definitely be the top rushing defense."

Or, as Dana Howard might say in imitation of John Holecsek: "Gosh darn it, now that we have stopped these fellows, let's go listen to the Red Hot Chili Peppers." ♦



# 'Big puppy' prowls outside

**I**llinois outside linebacker Simeon Rice tells his "transformation" stories without a trace of bitterness. In fact, feel free to insert laughs and smiles between the lines, because that's what Rice does as he explains his unlikely evolution from a bench warmer as a high school junior in 1990 to a pro prospect entering his junior season with the Illini.

As an underclassman at Chicago's Mount Carmel High School, Rice just knew that if his coaches ever put him in the backfield, they quickly would be rewarded—and that college recruiters would be inundating Rice with brochures, calls and maybe even descriptions of what he would look like posing with the Heisman Trophy.

Back then, Rice wanted to hear the right name. Walter Payton. Tell him about how he could be like Payton, a Hall of Fame running back who starred for the Chicago Bears. But mention that maybe he should think about emulating pass-rushing linebackers Lawrence Taylor or Derrick Thomas, and his response would be: Hey, does either one get to *carry* the ball?

Rice couldn't accept the fact Mount Carmel Coach Frank Lenti insisted that he—especially because of his growth spurts—was better suited to play either wide receiver, tight end, defensive back or linebacker. Rice got hurt and didn't play much as a sophomore. The summer before his junior year, he hit on an idea: He was going to *make* his coaches decide they might as well give him a chance at running back.

"My junior year, they really wanted me to play outside linebacker," Rice said. "(Lenti) put me in at outside linebacker and I started missing passes on purpose (during summer drills), really messing up to make it look like I couldn't do it. He got fed up with me and put me at receiver.

"Well, I didn't want to play that, either. I played one down. I ran the wrong route. That was the last time I played."

Rice is exaggerating only slightly. He remembers getting only garbage time (at strong safety) at the end of the state championship game in his junior season. And he remembers thinking about all of this in the off-season.

At that point, his Mount Carmel stay had been miserable. His parents insisted he stick it out. They were paying tuition, and they were doing it for reasons that didn't involve football. "I was in all kinds of trouble in elementary school, with the police, you name it," Rice said. "I wasn't in a gang or anything, but I was a leader—and I was always leading to trouble.

"Mount Carmel was all boys and predominantly white. I get along with whites, but I wanted a mixture—and that includes females, too. Know what I'm saying? It was a strict Catholic school, and I wasn't sure I

After Rice opted to attend Illinois and arrived on the Champaign campus, it didn't take long for Illini Coach Lou Tepper's staff to figure out this raw prospect was a rare find. In fact, Rice was so impressive he was selected Big Ten Freshman of the Year by the media in 1992.

"His first year, Simeon was not a complete linebacker," Tepper said. "Last year, he improved a great deal against the run. It still wasn't a strong suit for him. This year, we're hoping it will be a complete package."

Rice, who now weighs 243 pounds, has great speed for such a big man. Watching offensive tackles attempt to handle him one-on-one when he rushes is a study in matador-blocking (or non-blocking) techniques, and when the offenses use a tight end or running back to help on Rice, it can take them out of their game.

"He's a piece of work," said Illini defensive coordinator Denny Marcin, who coached Lawrence Taylor at North Carolina. "I don't think he knows yet how good he is. He's a puppy. A big puppy. After our first eight practices during his freshman year, his mom and dad came

down for picture day, I think, and I told his dad: 'Your son is going to be worth a lot of money in this game someday.'

"Simeon's a great guy to coach. He still wants to get better and he works his tail off. He's still got to get better in the running game and he's got to get a little bit stronger. About the only thing L.T. has over him at comparative stages right now is strength."

Rice acknowledges he promised Lenti that he would stick around Illinois long enough to get his degree. He also admits he wants to at least think about entering the National Football League draft after this season—with the rationalization that he would return to school to obtain a degree.

But for the time being, he's a contented member of the Illini's superlative four-man linebacking corps, along with Dana Howard, John Holecsek and Kevin Hardy. "I call us the 'Four Horsemen,'" Rice said. "I believe we're going to be the Number 1 unit in the country, because we're not going to give up any ground to anybody." ♦

—TERRY FREI



While Dana Howard and John Holecsek create mayhem for Illinois from their inside-linebacker spots, Simeon Rice wreaks havoc on the flank. Rice, a junior, already is considered pro timber.

liked that."

Finally, he made a decision. He already had grown into a 6-foot-4, 220-pound senior-to-be, and it was time to attempt to jettison some of his immaturity. There would be some lapses, but he wanted to grow up.

"I knew I had stung myself," he said. "It was all me. I wish I could have seen it earlier through my coaches' eyes. Before my senior year, I said I was going to do what the coaches wanted. I was going to play center, kicker, anything. I just wanted to play. They told me if I obeyed them and worked hard, I could be one of the best defensive players they ever had."

They were right.

Rice was big, athletic and fast. He had a great senior year and before long, he was taking recruiting trips. "I went on a trip to Boston College and I got in a little trouble with girls up there," he said. "I came back and my coaches said if I got in any more trouble, they were going to tell all the recruiters that it's off. They probably didn't mean it, but it scared me to the point where I had to button down."



# Do those weekly rankings rankle? Disparate are just two of the many factors contributing

## INSIDE

By **DON MARKUS**

*Baltimore Sun*

**T**he conversation took place a few weeks after the 1993 college football season ended, after the bowl games had been played and the brouhaha about the national championship had begun to settle down. Speaking were Ed Sherman, who covers college football for the Chicago Tribune, and Bobby Bowden, who coaches it at Florida State. Call it Confessions of a Pollster.

"I told him that I voted Notre Dame Number 1, and the reasons behind it," Sherman said. In turn, Bowden told Sherman, who also is president of the College Football Writers Association of America, how much he appreciated his honesty. Bowden wouldn't divulge to Sherman exactly how he had voted, but he did say that he had voted his Seminoles No. 1.

Such is the way things work in the often-wacky world of college football polling. Writers and broadcasters vote in one poll (Associated Press) and coaches vote in another (USA Today/CNN). The two sides are often out of sync and the result, like last season, is sometimes confusing. And controversial.

While the college basketball season meanders its way through three months of mostly

meaningless games before reaching its peak in March Madness, the college football season is one of peaks and valleys, meteoric rises and resounding thuds.

And much of it has to do with those twin powers: the AP and USA Today/CNN polls. They are ultimately more important in deciding the eventual national champion than is a genius coach or a fleet of Heisman Trophy candidates. College basketball crowns its champion at the end of a three-week tournament; college football elects its winner, or winners, at the end of a four-month political campaign.

"It's an imperfect system," Bowden said, "but for now it's the only one we've got."

**T**he system is imperfect for a number of reasons.

First, the voters form two disparate groups that rarely agree on anything. The media and the coaches each tend to have their own criteria and, if you ask one about the other, their own personal agendas as well.

The Associated Press holds its voters publicly accountable for how they vote. If you want to know who the voters are, it's easy to find out. USA Today/CNN, on the other hand, prizes secrecy and anonymity. No one knows from week to week how the coaches

are voting.

Not surprisingly, most college football fans have no idea how the polls work and how a national champion is selected. They check the poll results in their local newspapers every week, hear them discussed ad nauseam on radio call-in shows and fax or phone their complaints to voters they believe have erred.

To clear up some of the confusion, THE SPORTING NEWS decided to explore the whole issue of college football polling—its history, its future and the type of questions the voters ask themselves each week before they submit their ballots.

### Whose idea was this anyway?

After three teams—Princeton, Minnesota and Southern Methodist—finished the 1935 season unbeaten, a Lincoln, Neb., newspaperman named Cy Seymour suggested to Associated Press sports editor Alan J. Gould that a poll be taken of the AP's member newspapers each week, the point of which would be to determine the nation's best college teams. The actual polling began the following season, but from 1936 to 1951 no polling was done until at least the first week of October.

The coaches poll had an even more interesting genesis. After Michigan and Notre Dame each finished 9-0 in 1947, AP voters se-



# blocks of voters and a dose of 'politics' to an imperfect system of rating teams

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lected the Fighting Irish over the Wolverines as national champions. Since Southern Cal had played both teams, a United Press reporter in Los Angeles polled the Trojan players for their preference. The Trojans had lost to Notre Dame, 38-7, in their regular-season finale and were trounced, 49-0, by the Wolverines in the Rose Bowl a month later. When 17 of 22 USC players voted for Michigan, UP proclaimed the Wolverines No. 1. (UP became UPI, United Press International, in 1957.)

"Even though it was just a poll of the USC players, Michigan still lists that team as having won a national championship," said Herschel Nissensen, a longtime college football writer for AP and now a free-lance writer and a consultant to ESPN. "The official UP coaches poll didn't start until 1950." USA Today/CNN, which had conducted its own media poll since 1982, began its involvement with the coaches poll in 1991.

### Who votes in the polls, and why?

There are 62 voters in each poll. The distribution of votes in the AP poll depends on the number of Division I-A football teams in that state. For instance, California, Texas and Ohio, each with eight Division I-A programs, have four voters each. Twelve states have two voters, 24 states have one and there are two "national" voters without state affiliation.

The only requirement to become a voter is to be a working media member whose job brings that person in contact with college football in some way. Of course, writing about football for the local paper doesn't guarantee a vote unless someone else gives up his. That usually happens when a voter moves on to another assignment or decides he no longer has the time or interest to keep up with it.

The AP's voting deadline is noon Sunday. Since confidentiality is not guaranteed, the identities of the voters often leak out. Mark Blaudschun has voted in the poll for the last seven years, first for the Dallas Morning News and now for the Boston Globe. Like many AP voters, he has heard from fans of many teams. Blaudschun thought Washington fans in 1991 were the most vocal he'd heard until West Virginia fans made noise last year. They were upset that Blaudschun did not vote their beloved Mountaineers either first or second on his weekly ballot, thereby hurting the chances of a No. 1 Nebraska vs. No. 2 West Virginia battle for the national championship in the Orange Bowl.

"They broke the meet record," said Blaudschun, whose Boston office was inundated with faxes from irate Mountaineer fans.

West Virginia fans may be vocal, but Alabama fans have been vicious. Nissensen,

who doesn't vote in the AP poll but often is associated with it because of his former job as an AP writer, remembers taking a telephone call from a Crimson Tide fanatic who threatened to commit a heinous act on the writer's daughter. "The fact that he knew I had a daughter scared the hell out of me," Nissensen said.

When Dan Raley of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer said on ESPN three years ago that he had voted Miami (Fla.) over Washington, Husky fans harassed him at a home game the following week. "There were 1,000 people booing the guy," said Don Borst of the Tacoma News Tribune. Raley was the lone AP voter in the state of Washington that season, and people in the area viewed him as a traitor for voting the Hurricanes over the Huskies. When Raley went to the Huskies' locker room after the game to interview players, usually verbose offensive lineman Lincoln Kennedy wouldn't even talk with him.

"I should never have been on national TV popping off," said Raley, who no longer writes sports for the Post-Intelligencer. "I never expected anyone would recognize me (at Husky Stadium)."

The USA Today/CNN poll is conducted by the American Football Coaches Association.

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In previous years, the coaches poll often was called "the SIDs poll" because coaches sometimes turned their ballot over to their sports information director to complete. Former Maryland coach Joe Krivak admitted using the expertise of longtime SID Joe Blair for just that purpose. One of Krivak's predecessors in College Park, Jerry Claiborne, used to tell people that his wife filled out his ballot.

Grant Teaff, however, said he always cast his own vote, and others he has talked with over the years did so, too. Teaff was a college coach for 30 years before retiring after the 1992 season and now is executive director of the AFCA. "That (SIDs voting), like everything else, was greatly exaggerated," he said.

To safeguard its system, the AFCA requires its coaches to call in their votes by 8:30 a.m. Eastern time each Sunday. The coaches are assigned passwords to ensure that no fake calls are accepted, and their voices are recorded when they call. According to USA Today, most coaches call in their ballot on time every week. However, about four coaches each year lose their voting privileges due to chronic tardiness. Not surprisingly, coaches are harder to deal with, and more likely to be late, if their team lost the previous day.

#### Is it live, or is it SportsCenter?

How the voters go about their business varies greatly. Many writers attend a game each Saturday, so it's difficult for them to see anything but a few highlights on ESPN or CNN later in the day. Some writers are conscientious enough to read accounts of other games involving Top 25 teams, and a few go



so far as to tape games for later viewing. According to surveys conducted by THE SPORTING NEWS (see pages 12-13), most voters in both polls consider not only a team's won-lost record, but also its strength of schedule, scores against common opponents and head-to-head competition as they fill out their ballots.

"Some guys will spend a couple of hours on it, and some guys will spend a couple of minutes," Blaudschun said.

The coaches' method of judging teams is a little different. Nebraska's Tom Osborne said he and many of his peers judge teams by what they see on game films—"what's in our heads, not our hearts," he said.

But that begs the question: Just how much football do the coaches actually watch? The TSN survey says not much, with as many coaches depending on highlight shows alone as those who see extensive action of at least one game.

#### Just how political is the voting?

Except for a few "homer" voters (one West Virginia writer, for example, kept voting the Mountaineers No. 1 last season until they were crushed by Florida in the Sugar Bowl), the AP poll may be less political than the USA Today/CNN poll. The one exception appears to be Notre Dame Coach Lou Holtz, whose Fighting Irish got little respect last year even after their huge victory over Florida State. It got to the point where an anti-Bobby Bowden vote seemed to creep into

A pro-Bobby Bowden (left) sentiment and an anti-Lou Holtz feeling seem to exist among the media, a situation that no doubt influenced balloting for the 1993 national title.



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the coaches' voting to counter the pro-Bowden, anti-Holtz, anti-Nebraska tilt in the media.

"There's a lot of guys who openly hate Nebraska," said Tom Luicci of the Newark Star-Ledger, a former AP voter who believes the Cornhuskers' reputation for choking in big games (seven straight bowl losses and counting) has hurt them in the polls.

But if Nebraska gets little respect from the media, there apparently are even more media types who love to see Holtz's team lose. The long-standing rule about no cheering in the press box was obliterated at Mountaineer Field in Morgantown last November 20 as the assembled press corps watched the Irish lose to Boston College on TV.

On the other hand, it seemed as if many media people were pulling for Bowden to win his first national crown.

"I think there were a lot of people who wanted to see good ol' Bobby Bowden finally win it," Iowa State Coach Jim Walden said.

"I was real self-conscious about that," Bowden acknowledged a few months later. "I got the feeling listening to some people that we won the national championship only because I'm so likable. Well, I got tired of hearing that. And now that I have (won a national title), I won't have to."

#### There isn't any lack of interest, but are there conflicts of interest and self-interest involved in the voting?

Conflict of interest is a big issue in the AP voting. At a College Football Writers Association of America meeting at last season's Orange Bowl, Sherman raised the question of whether his fellow writers were making the news instead of covering it. Jeff Wohler, former sports editor of the Portland Oregonian and a one-time AP voter, tried to get the conflict-of-interest issue examined two years ago when he was president of the Associated Press Sports Editors association, an industry group of editors.

"That's not our job, voting in polls or for player awards," said Wohler, who has since moved out of the Oregonian's sports department. "We would be indirectly determining economic benefit for teams and players."


Wohler noted, hypothetically, that he could have helped, or hurt, a local school like Oregon by ranking the Ducks higher, or lower, than they deserve to be. Since the AP poll is used in conjunction with the USA Today/CNN poll in determining bids to bowl games, a lot of money could be riding on the outcome. (THE SPORTING NEWS' own weekly poll, which is produced by polling TSN's regular college football correspondents, is not involved in the bowl coalition poll.)

"There are two things that bother me," said Marty Kaiser, managing editor of the Milwaukee Journal and a former sports editor in Baltimore and Chicago. "One is that you're becoming part of the story. As much as we write about polls, you're voting about some team you write about. How can you vote for a team and then write how they moved up in the poll?"

Some papers do not allow their writers to vote in the AP poll because of such ethical and conflict-of-interest considerations. Neil Amdur, sports editor of the New York Times, argues that such participation by the media

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"allows people to be critical of reporters" and leaves that reporter susceptible to the charge of having his own personal agenda, be it the promotion or denigration of certain teams, players or coaches.

At least one AP voter, Loren Tate of the Champaign (Ill.) News-Gazette, gave up his voting privileges last season in part because of criticism he received from the chief executive officer of his newspaper. Tate voted Florida State No. 2 after its loss in South Bend, and the boss—a Notre Dame alum—chided Tate on a local radio show for ranking the vanquished Seminoles that high. The CEO was not happy with the prospect that, in view of continued strong poll support for the Seminoles, the Fighting Irish might have to play a rematch with Florida State for the national championship—should the teams have finished the regular season ranked 1-2 in the polls.

Tate said his job was never in jeopardy, but what pushed him over the edge as a voter was his own reaction to Notre Dame's 41-39 loss to Boston College the following week. "I was so elated after that kid made the field goal," he said. "Anyone who hates Notre Dame so much shouldn't be voting."

The coaches' self-interest in the USA Today/CNN voting is even easier to see. If two ranked teams are scheduled to play each other later in the season, what's to prevent the coach of Team A from elevating his future opponent, Team B, in the polls a few weeks before they play? Then, if Team A beats Team B, the victory will look even more impressive.

"The problem I have with coaches," said Bob Moran of the Mesa (Ariz.) Tribune, "is



that they make themselves, their conferences and their opponents look good."

Indeed, many of the coaches who responded to TSN's survey said that personal and regional biases sometimes creep into the way they vote. Bowden, for one, admitted to doing a little maneuvering last season to ensure that his Seminoles could distance themselves from the competition.

"Any time you have a poll, the attitude is going to be, 'I'm going to take care of me,'" he said. "I might adjust my team one or two spots, but I wouldn't do anything out of line."

On last season's final ballot, Bowden ranked Florida State No. 1, Nebraska No. 2 and Notre Dame No. 3. "That might have been a little manipulation on my part," said Bowden, who said the tougher-than-expected battle the Cornhuskers gave his team in the Orange Bowl was a factor in his decision. The Seminoles, who were favored to win the game by 17 points, won by only two when Nebraska missed a 45-yard field-goal attempt as time expired.

Based on what happened in 1989, did Notre Dame get, uh, robbed last season?

A case can be made that it did. Backtrack to 1989, when Miami beat Notre Dame, 27-10, in the final regular-season game for both teams. Each team went on to win its bowl game to finish with one defeat: Notre Dame with a record of 12-1 and Miami 11-1. The Hurricanes, however, were voted the nation's No. 1 team largely, if not entirely, because they beat Notre Dame in head-to-head competition.

Fast-forward to 1993. Notre Dame beat Florida State, 31-24, in a game that probably was more lopsided than the score indicates. The following week, the Irish suffered their first loss (to Boston College) when a former walk-on booted a 41-yard, line-drive field goal as time expired. Florida State and Notre Dame both went on to win their bowl games to finish the season with one loss each: the Seminoles at 12-1, the Irish at 11-1. Yet, when the final poll came out, Florida State (No. 1) was ranked ahead of the team (Notre Dame, at No. 2) it had lost to during the regular season.

What's going on?

"The (Florida State-Notre Dame) game obviously didn't mean anything," said Holtz, who believes the Irish are typically overrated in preseason polls and underrated in the final one. "Everybody billed it as the Game of the Century. I guess it was the Game of the Century only if the right team won. I did not think there was any way we wouldn't win it, not after what happened in '89."

A few AP votes seem to have swayed away from Holtz and toward Bowden for one simple reason: Bowden is probably the most ac-

## Coaches poll survey

To assist in the preparation of this story on the national rankings system and to provide additional insight into the balloting process, *The Sporting News* conducted a 12-point survey among the coaches who vote in the USA Today/CNN poll. The results from those choosing to respond are as follows:

1. As a voter in the USA Today/CNN coaches poll, I:
  - a. unfailingly cast a Top 25 ballot every week .....38
  - b. occasionally assign the chore to an assistant coach .....5
  - c. occasionally assign the chore to a member of my sports information office .....2
2. Each weekend, I spend the following amount of time determining my latest poll selections:
  - a. less than 30 minutes .....17
  - b. 30 minutes to two hours .....25
  - c. more than two hours .....3
3. Before turning in my vote, I generally am able to watch:
  - a. only glimpses (live television and/or videotape) of a handful of weekend games .....18
  - b. only highlight shows .....5
  - c. extensive action of one or two key games .....13
  - d. extensive action of three to five key games .....6
  - e. extensive action of more than five games .....2
4. I tape games and watch them later, although sometimes not until after having cast my ballot for that week.
  - a. true .....11
  - b. false .....34
5. In making my poll decisions, I weigh the following for each team (circle all that apply):
  - a. strength of schedule (including game sites) .....38
  - b. scores against common opponents 30
  - c. won-lost record .....42
  - d. in-season improvement (an early-season loss has less impact in my judgment than a midseason or late-season defeat) .....34
6. To guide my selections, I depend upon publicity releases/statistical compilations received from other colleges:
  - a. to a large extent .....0
  - b. somewhat .....10
  - c. virtually not at all .....35
7. I sometimes seek input from fellow coaches in other regions of the country in my information-gathering process.
  - a. true .....21
  - b. false .....24
8. I occasionally have sought views of writers and/or broadcasters while making my poll analyses.
  - a. true .....5
  - b. false .....39
9. All things otherwise being equal, I sometimes find myself leaning—if only slightly—toward members of my conference (or area) when it comes time to vote.
  - a. true .....20
  - b. false .....23
10. All things otherwise being equal, I sometimes find myself leaning—if only slightly—toward teams whose coaches I have known and respected for a long time.
  - a. true .....23
  - b. false .....21
11. I occasionally see instances of what I perceive as voting biases—be they regional or personal—on the part of my colleagues.
  - a. true .....21
  - b. false .....20
12. While the possibility of a national-championship playoff system continues to be debated, I think the coaches' balloting is the best—that is, the fairest and most accurate—of the current polling services.
  - a. true .....38
  - b. false .....5



cessible, gracious big-name coach in the country, while Holtz has gained a reputation for talking out of both sides of his mouth.

"I get the impression that people in the media think that if we're any good, I should be saying what a great team we have," Holtz said. "If we're a good football team, our players don't need to hear that from me—they'll hear it from plenty of people already.

"We have our press conferences during the season on Tuesdays, and I'm never very optimistic on Tuesdays. I've spent my time looking at video of our opponent on its best days, and I've concentrated on improving whatever problems our team has had. By Thursday or Friday I usually feel a lot better after seeing our players execute the game plan in practice. But on Tuesday, I wonder whether we can beat anybody."

To his credit, Holtz did try to soften his image a bit last season when he invited several writers in town for the Florida State game to his home for dinner. Holtz's graciousness obviously did not pay off in immediate dividends, but it may in future years.

#### What does the future hold?

Much depends on what happens this summer, when an NCAA task force will look into the possibility of developing a playoff format for Division I-A similar to those used in Divisions I-AA, II and III. That task force, headed by UCLA chancellor Charles Young, was expected to make a recommendation before the 1994 season begins, but it's likely nothing will be decided until the NCAA's January 1995 convention.

Some people would like to see both polls become extinct.

"I don't believe either poll is fair or accu-

rate," said Florida Coach Steve Spurrier, a longtime supporter of a playoff system. "Get 16 teams and start playing (in a playoff) as soon as the season is over and you'll have a national champion like all other sports do."

While many people believe that last season's controversy has created a groundswell of support for a playoff system in Division I-A, big-time college football is still measured in dollars and sense. Historically, the bowls have been terrific for college football, and many coaches and administrators remain loyal to them. Also, a Division I-A playoff goes against a recent reform movement that is designed to cut costs and make football players more a student and less an athlete on campus. For those in favor of a playoff, the financial woes many top-flight Division I-A athletic departments face today may be their biggest rallying point.

#### Is there a better way to do the polling?

Many suggestions were made last season, the most logical being a blue-ribbon panel of coaches, media people and conference commissioners whose duty it would be to watch the top games in a given week and vote accordingly. Another suggestion was to tie the voting to the bowl coalition, in essence keeping the current bowls (the Rose, Orange, Cotton, Sugar, etc.) but using them to structure a playoff system. Most schools that can be considered legitimate national-title contenders (outside the Big Ten and Pacific-10 conferences) are members of the coalition anyway.

The bowl coalition has produced No. 1 vs.

**Florida's Steve Spurrier says playoffs—not polls—are the way to determine a champion.**

No. 2 games the last two years, but the coalition poll at the end of last season served only to heighten the controversy. Why? Because the coaches poll didn't include undefeated Auburn, which was on NCAA probation, and the media poll did.

#### In the end, do we really need any polls?

Of course. Just think what college football would be like without them. You'd have a bunch of faceless teams winding their way through a three-month-long string of mostly meaningless regular-season games and you'd have a bunch of writers with nothing to do on Saturday nights and a bunch of coaches with nothing to do on Sunday mornings.

There'd be no controversy, no chaos and, in a strange sort of way, no fun. ♦

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## Writers poll survey

*The Sporting News conducted a 10-point survey among the sportswriters and broadcasters who vote in the Associated Press poll. The results from those choosing to respond are as follows:*

1. Each weekend, I spend the following amount of time determining my latest poll selections:
  - a. less than 30 minutes .....6
  - b. 30 minutes to two hours .....27
  - c. more than two hours .....3
2. Before turning in my vote, I generally am able to watch:
  - a. only glimpses (live television and/or videotape) of a handful of Division I-A weekend games .....13
  - b. only highlight shows .....3
  - c. extensive action of one or two key games .....10
  - d. extensive action of three to five key games .....9
  - e. extensive action of more than five games .....1
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  - d. in-season improvement (an early-season loss has less impact in my judgment than a midseason or late-season defeat) .....27
5. To guide my selections, I depend upon publicity releases/statistical compilations received from colleges:
  - a. to a large extent .....0
  - b. somewhat .....6
  - c. virtually not at all .....30
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  - a. true .....18
  - b. false .....18
7. I occasionally have sought views of coaches or assistant coaches, either locally or nationwide, while making my poll analyses.
  - a. true .....15
  - b. false .....21
8. All things otherwise being equal, I sometimes find myself leaning—if only slightly—toward schools in my region when it comes time to vote.
  - a. true .....15
  - b. false .....7
9. I occasionally see instances of what I perceive as voting biases—be they regional or personal—on the part of my colleagues.
  - a. true .....22
  - b. false .....14
10. While the possibility of a national-championship playoff system continues to be debated, I think the writers' balloting is the best—that is, the fairest and most accurate—of the current polling services.
  - a. true .....29
  - b. false .....7



# LITTLE HOPE ON THE





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**It's a no-win situation (0-35) at  
Prairie View A&M, where  
legacy is rich, coffers are not**

As Coach Ron Beard surveys the Panthers' field of dreams, Blackshear Field, the outlook is bleak for his money-starved program.

By KEVIN SHERRINGTON

*Dallas Morning News*

**K**en Houston played there. So did Otis Taylor and Jim Kearney and Jim Mitchell and Alvin Reed. They helped Prairie View A&M win a couple of its five black college national championships from the mid-1950s through the mid-1960s, before predominantly white colleges began to take their players. They used to play some great football at Prairie View. And that is most of the problem.

They can't forget what it was like to win titles there, now that the Panthers can't win a game.

"We've got people who need to stop telling me what they used to be here," said Ron Beard, Prairie View's football coach since 1991. "Things are not that way anymore."

"That day is history. That day is *gone*."

He is wrong, of course. History sits like a buzzard on a branch over the peaceful, green campus located in the little Texas town of Prairie View (population: approximately 4,000), 45 miles northwest of Houston.

Most athletic programs draw strength from a great legacy. But not at Prairie View—not according to a coaching staff, athletic director and administration left wondering how much longer a football program can continue without money, without scholarships.

Without winning.

Prairie View, a Division I-AA football member of the Southwestern Athletic Conference, hasn't won a game since 1989 (a 21-12 victory over Mississippi Valley State) and has lost 35 consecutive contests, the longest current losing streak in the NCAA. The string deserves an asterisk of sorts, though. The Panthers didn't play football in 1990 after the university suspended the program in the wake of a late-1980s athletic department financial scandal.

Problems had been boiling up long before. Since 1966, two years after the school's last national title, the Panthers have had one winning season.

But, in the last five years, the losses have rung louder and louder in the ears of the coaches and the administration.

To the complaints, Beard offers this excuse for his no-win situation: He can't compete without scholarships. The school took them away as its perennial reminder of the financial scandal.

Either give him the scholarships, Beard said, or drop down to non-scholarship Division III.

Prairie View officials and alumni apparently are waiting on a third option. More money is not forthcoming, Prairie View officials said, unless the alumni can raise something more than promises. And, as bad as the losing is, alumni can't stomach the loss of their past, too. Prairie View is the lone charter member remaining from the SWAC, a point of pride in a school struggling to maintain its position in the college community.

Change is coming, said Dr. Sam Metters, president-elect of Prairie View's alumni association. But it won't be at the expense of football or the level at which the Panthers are playing.

"Not even thinkable," he said.

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# The proof of Prairie View's glorious past is in the cackle of W.J. (Billy) Nicks.



Billy Nicks, who coached Prairie View in its heyday, had a pipeline to prep standouts and wasn't afraid to tap into it.

Beard's job may be the third option. Prairie View President Julius Becton, who is retiring in August, said he will recommend changes to his successor if the football team does not show progress this fall.

The recommendations, if necessary, range from a new coach to the possibility of dropping football altogether.

"I've got a problem with that," said Beard, his tone rising, his words coming quicker. "I'm not God. If you aren't giving someone anything to fight with, you might as well take it now.

"What's going to make '94 any different from '93? It's going to be a miracle not to be 0-11 this year."

And, at Prairie View, they haven't seen a miracle in a long, long time.

The proof of Prairie View's glorious past is in the cackle of W.J. (Billy) Nicks, a glib, friendly character who claims to be 88, though it has been 28 years since he last coached the Panthers, and he says he retired at 66.

The numbers are foggy. But, when asked why he used to win so often, why he never had a losing season in his 16 at Prairie View, he was quick and clear. He had an excellent coaching staff, he said. And he had connections.

"Prairie View had graduated a lot of people in Texas who were principals of high schools or were outstanding high school coaches," said Nicks, who lives in Houston. "Whenever I went into a high school to recruit a kid, I either knew the principal or the coach. I didn't have too much trouble.

"It got to a point where I didn't have to go there and recruit. I'd call a coach up and say, 'Listen here, I understand you got an outstanding player.' They'd say that was right. And I'd say, 'Bring 'em down here, and let me look at 'em.'"

Nicks cackled again.

"And they'd be here, too," he said.

Until Texas universities began to integrate their athletic programs in the mid-to-late 1960s, black athletes had few choices. They could leave the state, which many of the best chose to do. Or they could play at the historically black institutions.

And in Texas, the best of the black football colleges in the '50s and '60s was Prairie View, which was founded in 1878 and is the second-oldest public institution of higher education in the state.

Nicks' teams won black national championships, as selected by the Pittsburgh Courier, in 1953, 1958, 1963 and 1964 and the Panthers shared the title in 1954.

"One of my coaches had gone to Prairie View," said Houston, who grew up in the east Texas town of Lufkin before going on to Prairie View, the National Football League and the Pro Football Hall of Fame, "so, when Billy Nicks called, that pretty much meant you were going to Prairie View."

Nicks' shadow over Texas black high schools loomed into the mid-to-late '60s. Even as Southern Methodist was signing Beaumont black prep standout Jerry Levias, and Houston's veer offense was clicking on the flying heels of Warren McVea and Paul Gipson, Nicks' chutzpah was unrelenting.

He recalled a Dallas high school coach who told him that one of his players was considering scholarship offers from predominantly white universities.

"Listen," Nicks asked the coach, "how did you get that job?"

"Why, you recommended me."

"Well," Nicks said, "just like you got it, you can lose it."

Nicks' successors have had neither his name nor his good fortune. Nicks retired after the 1965 season with a 16-year record of 126-29-7. In the 27 seasons since then, the Panthers have gone 66-209-4. Prairie View's only winning season since 1966: a 6-5 record in 1976.

Nicks puts part of the blame on his successors for failing to maintain his contacts. Metters, who played for Nicks in the mid-1950s and is president of a systems engineering firm in McLean, Va., cited a lack of leadership as a contributing problem. The problems with continuity start at the top, where the university has had what will be four presidents in six years.

"People just sort of gave up," Metters said.

But there were other problems, too—problems Prairie View couldn't control. Even Nicks recognizes that white schools gave

black athletes options previously unavailable.

Nicks didn't have much to offer, as far as scholarships. Prairie View had 30 for the entire athletic department. He split them and stretched them with a work program in which money went directly to the school for books, board and tuition. Some players worked on farms. Houston worked in a laundry a few hours a week during his college days.

Beard hears from alumni who want to know why such programs wouldn't work now. In the most practical sense, Beard and others said, most student/athletes wouldn't do it even if the NCAA allowed. Prize student/athletes no longer will overlook Prairie View's drawbacks and be drawn to its strengths, which include a good engineering program, an enrollment of less than 6,000, a 56 percent graduation rate among student/athletes in 1992-93 and an increased popularity toward attending predominantly black colleges.

"If a college comes to give a kid a scholarship, and there are no family ties to Prairie View, the kid is going to take that scholarship," said Houston, who served brief stints as an assistant coach at Prairie View and Houston. He now is a counselor at a Houston alternative high school. "When I was in school, pre-integration, there were a limited number of schools I could go to. Now, if a kid has any athletic skills at all, there are all sorts of choices.

"Billy Nicks could call and this guy would be at Prairie View because the choices were limited. We don't ever think these kids think. But they think about everything. They think about the uniforms, transportation, the school.

"Even if you have the dollars, it's tough."

And Prairie View does not have the dollars.

The athletic budget for Prairie View's 15 sports in the last academic year was \$846,000, Athletic Director Barbara Jacket said. Of that total, the football program received \$216,000.

The average budget for SWAC football programs, Beard said, is \$500,000 to \$600,000.



Things are so tough at Prairie View that football Coach Ron Beard is responsible for chalking the Panthers' practice field.



The athletic department also must pay everything out of its budget. It pays the university to have its trash collected and its lawn mowed, the latter amounting to \$17,000.

"How do you distinguish university grass from athletic grass?" said Jacket, who took over the Prairie View A.D. position in 1990.

The predicament is particularly troubling to Jacket. Upon being hired by the university as a teacher and swimming instructor in 1964, she was given a couple of basketballs and some basketball uniforms. She traded the basketballs for a dozen warmup suits and

converted the uniforms to outfit her track team, which she began in 1966.

Over the years, she earned a fine reputation as a track coach. In fact, she served as coach of the U.S. women's track and field team at the 1992 Olympics. But her most daunting work has been as athletic director at Prairie View.

Her athletic development officer mailed letters to the school's 30,000 alumni, soliciting donations. They received 150 responses.

"It's not easy for people to give," said Jacket, who takes no pay for being athletic direc-

tor apart from her teaching salary. "They say, 'I gave in '92.' So they don't give in '93 and '94."

"If every one of our alumni gave \$100 a year, we could have scholarships. Then they could gripe about not winning."

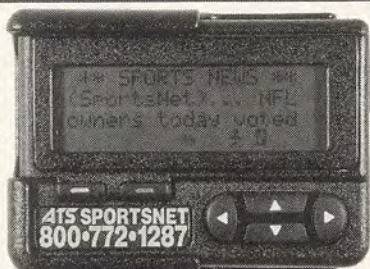
They gripe, just the same.

"They complain behind my back," Jacket said, smiling. "If they said it to my face, I'd ask them, 'By the way, did you donate this year?'"

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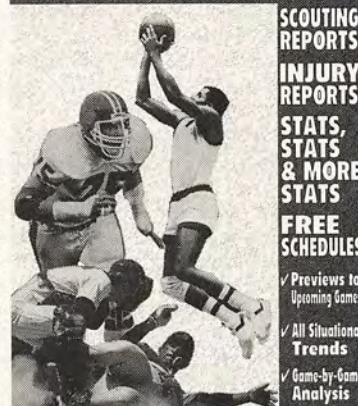
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"We've got no  
business being in  
Division I (-AA).  
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fooling?"

Ron Beard



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Metters, who said he built a \$40 million business in 18 years, said the fund-raising has not been done correctly. His plans include an increase of alumni dues, an annual fund-raiser tied to the Grambling State-Prairie View game in Dallas' Cotton Bowl and a steady lobbying of federal programs intended to benefit historically black universities.

Metters also is soliciting corporate backing of something called the "Texas Shootout," a game to be played in the Astrodome in Houston and televised nationally. He hopes to kick off the event in 1995. He wants it to be another "Bayou Classic," the annual game played between Grambling and Southern in a packed-to-the-roof Superdome every November in New Orleans.

Of course, there are a few differences between Prairie View and either Grambling or Southern. Prairie View drew a total of 12,366 fans to its four home games at 6,600-seat Blackshear Field last season, fewer than the Panthers drew on the road against Southern (18,187). And the 61,500 who went to the Cotton Bowl for the Grambling game last year were almost half the school's season total.

There were other differences, too, as Beard found in a survey he conducted last December.

Not only do Prairie View coaches lack money, they don't have the time, either. Besides his football duties, which include chalking the practice field, Beard also is the golf coach. Additionally, he teaches bowling. In fact, he and his assistants taught 31 classes in the fall of 1993; no other SWAC football staff taught more than 18.

Beard's analysis was intended to educate his president. But change is Becton's calling. Metters said Becton, a retired U.S. Army lieutenant general, was brought in to clean up the university, both figuratively and literally. He became president in November 1989, taking over a college racked by a financial scandal concentrated in the athletic department. Jacket and Metters credit him with restoring integrity to the university, as well as beautifying its campus.

Becton condoned the athletic department sanctions already in place. He also was con-

cerned about a strike by football players early in 1989. He was a football player, briefly. He earned a football scholarship to Muhlenberg College, where he was the first black player at the Pennsylvania school. He left to enter the military and eventually earned his bachelor's degree at Prairie View in 1960.

He is a fan, too. He has instructed the school's sports information director to call him after all athletic events.

But he stops short of being a blind loyalist. He noted that the athletic department was not supporting itself before the scholarship cutoff, draining millions from university funds. He said scholarships are not the answer. "They had them before and our record wasn't all that great," he pointed out. "It's up in the mind more than the body, the ability to win."

His answer was for Prairie View to try another league. He looked at the possibility of teaming up with schools in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas and Louisiana. The response from the athletic council and alumni to that proposal, as well as a possible switch to NAIA, was a flat "no."

"The alumni are always screaming, 'We want changes,'" Becton said before smiling. "If they were providing a few more thousands, I might listen more."

He hears plenty. And, as a result, so does Beard.

In their December meeting, Becton said he told Beard, "At the end of '94, I will recommend some significant changes if we continue the way we have."

Beard did not care for the possible changes. They included a new coach, a move from the Division I-AA ranks or dropping football altogether. Beard responded with his survey. In the cover letter, he wrote that Prairie View's infrastructure "... does not make enough allowances for adequate human and fiscal resources and appropriate support services for athletic programs at PV to be successful."

The Panthers did not have a full share of scholarships even before the cutoff. The most they had, said Beard, who has been at Prairie View as defensive coordinator or head coach since 1982, was 30. Most of the players receive financial aid, as does 88 per-

cent of the student body, Becton said.

The difference between a scholarship and financial aid may be no more than perception, Beard conceded. But it makes a difference to recruits, and in the SWAC.

"We've got no business being in Division I (-AA)," Beard said. "No business putting 15 sports out there. Who are you fooling? If you're going to be Division I, make a commitment. Then, when you fund everything and you're doing everything the program needs and you still lose, then you need to find some better personnel. And if you're not going to fund it, go on down."

"If your pride is so big you can't take two steps backward, then you've got a problem. Who gets hurt with all this pride thing anyway? The kids. And the coaches."

Shawn Narcisse was one of the lucky ones. Or maybe just one of the last ones. He was one of two Prairie View football players on scholarship last fall. The other was the kicker, Sam Barner. They were the only players left from the 1990 purge, and the university thought it necessary to carry out its commitment to them.

Narcisse, a wide receiver, went through a lot. He was on the team when a few players went on strike in 1989 against former coach Haney Catchings over alleged excessive practice hours and a cutoff of funds for books. Narcisse was in the locker room in 1991 when Beard had to come up with a half-time speech when the Panthers were losing, 72-0, to Alabama State. The Hornets ended up winning, 92-0.

He was in uniform for 35 consecutive losses.

"A lot of people want to know why we weren't winning," said Narcisse, who has signed with the Canadian Football League's new Baltimore franchise. "Well, a lot of guys we had never even played high school football. Or at least they didn't start."

"I'd say 50 percent of it was coaching and 50 percent was the players."

He said a lot of players believed they were wasting their time. But most of them came back. Beard couldn't believe it. After the 92-0 loss to Alabama State in 1991, he thought there would be 20 players at practice on



Coach Ron Beard lets his views be known in a conference with Athletic Director Barbara Jacket (left) and in a practice-session meeting with twins Kerwin and Kevin Owens. Kevin (middle, right photo) thinks Prairie View just might win a game or two in 1994.



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Monday. But they all showed up, just as they will this fall. Beard didn't have any trouble coming up with bodies for the Prairie View squad last spring.

They won't be the caliber of players Prairie View used to get. Metters said all the Panthers need is a player along the lines of the one Mississippi Valley State found in the early 1980s, a fellow named Jerry Rice, and the others will come.

The chances, Beard acknowledged, are remote.

"If Otis Taylor was coming through high

school now," he said, eyebrows arched from behind a desk in his dark, crowded football office, "do you think he'd come here?"

Kerwin and Kevin Owens came. They are twins from Beaumont, a pair of 5-foot-7, 165-pound receivers who were students in Prairie View's engineering school when they decided to go out for football.

They know what critics say about Prairie View's football team, the losingest NCAA team in America. They said a few things themselves, before they became part of it. They will remain a part, they said, for better or worse.

"As long as the program is going on, I'll be here," Kevin said. "It looks a little shaky, but I feel like it's improving every year.

"I feel like we're going to win some games this year."

Asked if they knew that Prairie View used to win more than just a few games, that the Panthers once won national titles, that this was the place where Ken Houston and Otis Taylor played football, the twins seemed surprised.

"I didn't know anyone played here," Kerwin said, softly. ♦

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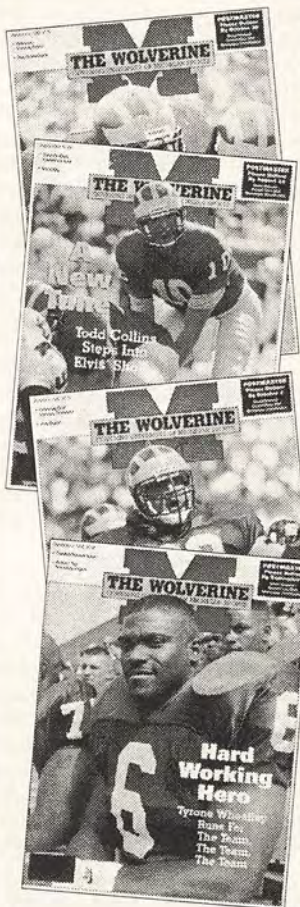
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By **MICHAEL BRADLEY**

*Free-lance writer*

**J**ust before the Army football team surges out onto Michie Stadium's artificial turf, it receives one more motivational reminder about the legacy it is defending. Unlike other schools, which rely on burning spears, banners or chunks of rock for inspiration, the Cadets see 17 words on a plaque mounted on the wall of the tunnel leading from the locker room to the field.

The words were spoken nearly 50 years ago by Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff for the U.S. Army in World War II, and they convey the unique dual mission the Cadets fill as athletes and future leaders.

"I want an officer for a secret and dangerous mission," the plaque reads. "I want a West Point football player."

Although Marshall's words are largely unique to Army, they could be adapted two other ways. If someone were to substitute "U.S. Naval Academy football player" or "U.S. Air Force Academy football player," the folks at West Point might be a little upset about the inclusion of their rivals, but they certainly would understand the parallel. For among NCAA Division I-A college football programs, those three stand apart. Not for on-field success or numbers of All-Americans (although few schools have such storied traditions), but for an incomparable dedication to academics, athletics, leadership, honor and discipline.

"People make a good case when they say that we don't have the size and speed of other teams, and on paper, it looks like we should lose to everybody we play," Army senior quarterback Rick Roper said.

"But service academy football teams have a lot of intangibles. You can't measure work ethic or heart. I know that sounds like touch-feely stuff, but it all goes into how we approach the game. We know we have some things to overcome."

Roper is a good example of the type of player that Army, Navy and Air Force recruit. The first member of his family ever to go to college, Roper was largely unnoticed as a senior at Eisenhower High School in Houston. When his team switched from the wishbone (a system in which he struggled) to the run-and-shoot prior to his senior season, the 5-foot-10, 180-pound Roper continued to have problems. He considered enlisting in the armed services before Army Coach Bob Sutton contacted him. "I was happy as the devil to get a chance to play Division I football," Roper said. He has done well, starting the last two seasons. In 1993, he rushed for 491 yards and nine touchdowns and threw for 733 yards and two scores.

Roper is the rule, rather than the exception, at the academies. High school All-Americans don't flock to their campuses. Instead, the three schools choose from a pool of prospects, suspects and projects who must first meet stringent academic requirements and actually choose four years of "Yes, sir/no, sir" life. That is not to say there are no standouts. Former stars like running back Napoleon McCallum of Navy, 1987 Outland Trophy winner Chad Hennings of Air Force and 1992 All-America defensive back Carlton

**The demands and the regimen of service-academy life appeal to a different type of student/athlete.**



U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY



# A heavy odds in the gridiron wars, but they're ready for real thing FEW GOOD MEN



Service-academy football retains the enthusiasm, if not the greatness, of bygone eras.

McDonald of the Falcons could have succeeded anywhere. And Army fullback Akili King (883 yards, six touchdowns) was among the nation's rushing leaders last season until an ankle injury slowed him.

But in an era when priorities in college football seem more warped than ever before, the service academies offer a refreshing counterpoint. Army, Navy and Air Force do not redshirt players, offer no cupcake majors, don't allow players to take diminished course loads during the season and graduate every one of their student/athletes. They play Division I-A schedules despite enrollments of 4,000 to 4,500, half the students of even the smallest big-time programs. And they don't whine or complain when times are tough.

"A lot of the kids on academy teams are not recruited by any of the big schools," said Jim Bowman, assistant athletic director in charge of candidate counseling (recruiting) at Air Force. "When you start getting west of the Ohio River Valley, we (the Falcons) have a good chance at the student/athletes. When you get farther east, it's Army and Navy. Parents and girlfriends want the guys to stay close to home."

Bowman alluded to recent bowl opponents in his recruiting analysis.

"When we lined up against Ohio State and Mississippi State in the Liberty Bowl," he said, "we didn't have many kids those teams wanted out of high school."

And none of the Buckeyes or Bulldogs wanted Air Force—or the other academies—when they were being recruited. It takes a certain type of person to endure the rigors of academy life. The high academic expecta-

tions. The mental demands of military training. The first year on campus, when the strong are broken, only to be built back up again—stronger.

There are occasional blotches, like the investigation at Navy that involved several football players implicated in a December 1992 cheating scandal. Or the double-murder of former Navy quarterback Alton Grizzard and former cross-country standout Kerry O'Neill in a jilted-lover story that appeared straight out of the tabloids. Army hasn't been immune. King was stabbed during an altercation outside a bar near the Army campus over the off-season. But those are the exceptions. And you can bet the problems were dealt with on the highest levels—not ignored by the athletic department.

The academies have met with mixed football success in recent years, with Air Force's string of bowl appearances (nine in the last 12 seasons) dwarfing the struggles of Navy's rebuilding project and standing tall against Army's inability to duplicate its fortunes of the 1980s and grander accomplishments of the first half of the century. Few can expect a return to the glory days of academy football, when Army and Navy produced Heisman winners and highly ranked teams, but the players and coaches of all three schools believe they can compete on the I-A level.

There are those who scoff at such contentions and recommend that Army and Navy drop to Division I-AA. But the academies won't surrender. They'll continue undaunted in the face of cynics, military cutbacks and overwhelming odds.

They may do it with smaller players. Or

slower ones. Or with a recruiting pool smaller and more far-flung than their rivals, thanks to stringent admissions requirements. But they'll do it, because they know the players they do get are ones not only fit for the gridiron wars, but also for Marshall's "secret and dangerous mission."

"We'll work just as hard as coaches at Nebraska or Colorado, and we expect the same from the players," Air Force Coach Fisher DeBerry said. "Football is one of the best teaching laboratories as far as leadership training, and that's what we're all about—training leaders of the Air Force."

Air Force linebacker Steve Russ still can't believe the sign he saw at Falcon Stadium two seasons ago when Navy went west to meet Air Force. It was a simple banner, hung by the Middies' fans, and to Russ it embodied the attitudes of the other two service academies to their younger rival. "Beat Army."

The Navy fans weren't concerned with the business at hand—although they should have been, since the Midshipmen dropped an 18-16 decision, their 11th straight loss to the Falcons. No, their eyes were on the traditional early-December showdown with their landlubbing adversaries. The trip to Colorado Springs, Colo., was nice, but they'd rather be in Philadelphia, thank you very much, renewing acquaintances with the Army mule.

"We felt like, 'What about us?'" Russ said. "There isn't a lot of attention given to us by

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Directly embroidered college champ hats available for the first time for 1971 Nebraska thru 1993 Fla. St.  
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Full color college T-shirts and Sweatshirts with past National Champions. Available for the following teams in adult sizes: S/M/L/XL  
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1983 Miami

1984 Brigham Young  
1985 Oklahoma  
1986 Penn State  
1987 Miami  
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T-Shirts \$16.00 ea. #FB200C XXL \$18.00

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100% black cotton  
T-Shirts with Intense Mascot Design. Adult sizes: L, XL  
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100% black cotton  
T-shirts with Intense NFL Helmet design. Adult sizes: L, XL  
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Wool two-tone hat with full embroidered front logo and team name embroidered on back. (One size fits all.) Available for the following colleges: Ariz. St., Colorado, Duke, Georgia Tech, Georgetown, Florida, Florida State, Notre Dame, North Carolina, Ohio State, Penn St., Michigan, Miami, Michigan St., Texas, UCLA, USC, Washington, UNLV, Boston College, Maryland

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TOP/PANTS COMBO: \$169.95 SET #SPCBB



24oz. wool melton body. Leather sleeves. Large chenille patch on front and back. Left shoulder has commemorative patch. No refunds or returns on jackets as they are custom made. Sizes: S(34-36) M(38-40) L(42-44) XL(46-48) XXL(50-52) Add 20% XXXL(54-56) add 30% XXXXL(58-60) add 40% Use list at left for colleges available. (#DEVLUC) No Returns. Jackets are custom made.



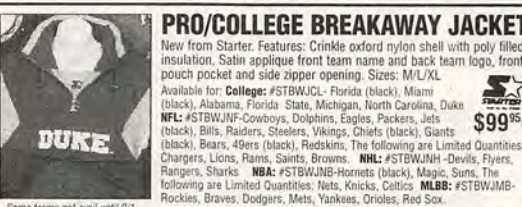
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College Pennants by Asco #ASCP...\$5.00 ea.  
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New from Starter. Features: Crinkle oxford nylon shell with poly filled insulation. Satin applique front team name and back team logo, front pouch pocket and side zipper opening. Sizes: M/L/XL  
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Sweatshirts S/M/L/XL \$29.95 T-Shirt S/M/L/XL \$16.00  
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Sweatpants \$26.95  
Sweatshirt and Sweatpants  
combo (must be same team except XXL orders) \$52.00  
All items adult sizes: S/M/L/XL  
Most teams avail. call for availability-609-530-0747  
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COLLEGE 12 oz. COFFEE CUPS #CHC...\$12.00 ea.  
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Full color logo banded in 22 kt gold.  
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THE WAVE PARKA  
100% nylon  
Supplier.  
Tri-colored.  
Embroidered logo  
on left chest, and back  
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Available for: Colorado, Duke, Florida State, Georgetown, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Miami, Michigan, N. Carolina, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Syracuse, UNLV, Washington, by DeLong. No Returns. Also avail. for NFL, NHL & NBA.



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Authentic Riddell Helmet made into a beautiful table lamp that will fit in with any decor. Size 15"x14"x23" comes with lamp shade mounted on a 9"x12" solid oak base. Most colleges available. #HCL  
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Direct embroidered team nickname on front with full name on back. One size fits all. A great item! Available for: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Duke, Florida, Florida State, Georgia, Georgetown, Illinois, Kentucky, LSU, Miami, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Notre Dame, N. Carolina, Oklahoma, Penn State, Seton Hall, Tennessee, Texas, Texas A & M. \$18.95 ea. #CNFC

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	TEAM	2ND CHOICE	SIZE	QTY	TOTAL
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Total Merchandise Amount						\$
NJ Sales Tax 6% non clothing only						\$
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Toast the Super Bowl Champions with this handsome 20oz. Ceramic Tankard featuring the full color logo on the front. The back has the scores of the entire season and opponents. RIM: SUPERBOWL CHAMPIONS. Each tankard is richly banded in 22K gold and fired at extremely high temperatures for color-brite brilliance, permanency and strength.

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## NFL THROWBACK JACKETS

24oz. distressed Melton wool body with genuine distressed leather sleeves mirrors the nostalgic throwback era. Custom embroidered NFL vintage collection team logo on left chest and back. Stand up nylon collar, knit cuffs and waist band in solid color. Heavyweight quilt lining. **#DET8** No Returns...Jackets are custom made

Sizes: S(34-36) M(38-40) L(42-44) XL(46-48) XXL(50-52) Add 20% XXXL(54-56) Add 30% XXXL(SB000) Add 40%  
Available for: Wash. Redskins, NY Giants, Chicago Bears, Green Bay Packers, Canton Bulldogs

**Just Arrived! New Classic Leather Sleeved Throwback Jackets**  
1. Cowboys (Picture: America's Team, Navy with Saddle Sleeves) 2. Steelers (The Steel Curtain, Black on Black) 3. Raiders (Black on Black) \$250.00 Use sizing chart above

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All NFL, NBA, NHL, MLB & many college teams avail.

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## ALL LEATHER



All NFL teams available

**Not available for Colleges**

**\$350<sup>00</sup> ea.** #DAL NFL

100% genuine leather. Pro graphic embroidered directly on left chest and back. Commemorative patch on left sleeve. Standup nylon collar, knit cuffs & waistband match jacket body color. For sizes see information under leather sleeved jacket. by DeLong



## PRO-LINE JERSEYS

Full color pro-cut short sleeve, tapered body. In full color with player's number. Names listed below are not on the back of jerseys. They are for identification only. We offer both dark and white for all teams. Call to verify. We can do any number for any NFL team! We offer names sewn on back (up to 10 letters) at an additional cost of \$50.00. Bears, Chiefs, Oilers, Packers, Buccaneers, Jets and Steelers (white) add \$30.00 for name. These are double tacked. We offer any number for an additional cost of \$15.00, except Steelers, Raiders. We can do any number for the following teams in 3-color tackle twill for \$35.00 extra. Cowboys (blue) Chargers (white or blue) Dolphins (white or aqua) Saints (black or white) Patriots (blue or white) Add \$25.00 for these are tackle twill lettering. #PROJ \$89.95ea. Adult sizes: S/M/L/XL XXL \$94.95ea.

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Bears 22 Smith	Bears 50 Singletary	Chiefs 58 Thomas
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Cowboys 68 Irvin	49ers 16 Montana	Raiders 81 Brown
Eagles 12 Cunningham	49ers 80 Rice	Broncos 7 Elway
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Giants 27 Hampton	Steelers 12 Bradshaw	Jets 7 Eliason
Giants 56 Taylor	Steelers 29 Foster	Jets 42 Lott
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## SUPERBOWL CHAMP ITEMS

- A. Hat-\$22ea #FHSBH
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- C. Golf Shirt-LXL \$29.95
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An authentic Riddell helmet fitted with an ITT Trendline telephone. Mounted on 9x12" solid oak base. Touchtone or rotary dial. (please specify when ordering)  
Helmet Phone #NA28 \$250.00ea  
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College & Pro and WLAF teams available

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Helmets of the great teams from the early 60s to late 70s. Avail. for: Dallas Texans, Pitts. Steelers, Dallas Cowboys, Buff. Bills, NY Jets, NY Giants, Det. Lions, Chi. Bears, Hou. Oilers, All. Falcons, Phila. Eagles, Cin. Bengals, S.D. Chargers, LA Rams, Denver Broncos, Wash. Redskins (yell w/vergreen) & Wash. (Burg w/Spear) #ROT818

Available in one size only with facemask pictured.

**\$185<sup>00</sup> ea.**



## NFL ITEMS

- Sweatshirt #NFL9801...\$29.95 (all teams in list below plus Chargers & Cards.)
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- Workout Shorts #RWS...\$15
- NFL T-Shirts (all teams) #NFL201...\$16
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Hat '18"ea

One size #LAH

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**\$84<sup>95</sup>**

Available in size L & XL



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## All New STARTER-ROCKET JACKET \$99<sup>95</sup>

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Teams available: NFL Chiefs (Black), Dolphins (Bk), NY Giants (Black), Jacksonville Jaguars (Black), Cowboys, Carolina Panthers, Steelers, Oilers, Broncos, Bills, Patriots, Cardinals NBA Magic, SuperSonics (Black), Knicks, Hornets MLB Phillies, Indians N4L Devils, Ducks, NY Rangers, Redwings, Kings, Lighting, Blues, Bruins, Penguins, Blackhawks, Islanders, Stars College North Carolina, Notre Dame

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## SUPERBOWL PLAQUES \$49<sup>95</sup> ea

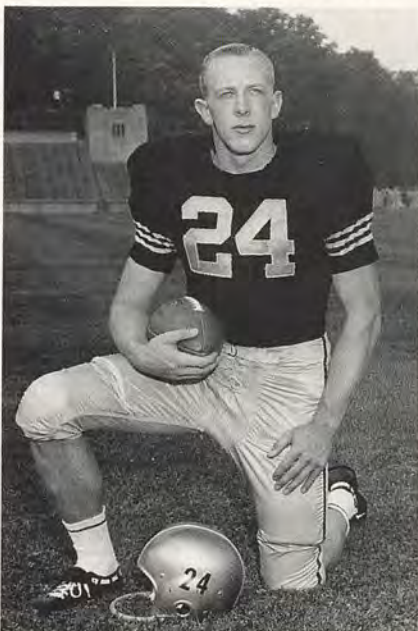


# A FEW GOOD MEN



U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

While Army's Rick Roper (bottom, right) epitomizes the pluck of today's service-academy football player, Chad Hennings (above) and Pete Dawkins are reminders of past glory.



U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

the outside media. Everyone cares about Army and Navy. When Navy did beat us last year (28-24), they went bananas. I think they're giving us more respect. We've had more success than they have recently, but if they were to win only one game a year, they'd want it to be Army-Navy."

That philosophy is changing, thanks to Air Force's recent success. The Falcons have won nine of the last 12 Commander-in-Chief trophies, given to the winner of the round-robin competition between the three academies, and Air Force's record against its more storied opponents during that period is 20-4. Because of the three-way tie in '93, the Falcons retained possession of the prize. Maybe Army and Navy, rivals since 1890, don't pay as much attention to Air Force because they're tired of losing to the Falcons.

"We feel left out, but we're trying to make our own tradition every day," DeBerry said. "We can't help that we're not 300 years old. I like to think the Army-Air Force game would draw just as well on TV as Army-Navy. We've been on TV a heckuva lot more than Army or Navy."

Of course, Army and Navy deny the Air Force claims. "Our first goal is to win the Commander-in-Chief Trophy," said Army recruiting coordinator Tim Mingey. "To do that, we have to beat Navy and Air Force. Regardless of the hype CBS puts on the Navy game, we still want to beat Air Force."

Air Force's inferiority complex is the product of a late start. After all, the academy wasn't founded until 1954. Is it Army and Navy's fault that there were ground forces and ships before there were airplanes? West Point opened in 1802, with the U.S. Naval Academy making its debut 43 years later.

"The Army-Navy game is a big one, and they'll put that one on TV, even if they both have losing records," Bowman said. "We're the new kid on the block. They're playing for tradition, and we've got the (Commander-in-Chief's) trophy. That has to drive the Army and Navy grads crazy."

The players don't worry about the hype, or the gibes traded by alumni and staff from the schools. They're the ones who have to line up against each other, and they find the ri-

valry spirited enough. In 1992, the combined point difference in the three games was a scant seven points; last season, it was 25. Think the teams are paying attention?

"By far, the service-academy games are the most physical we played," said Joe Pastorello, a fullback on the '93 Falcons. "There was more emotion, and the teams know each other so well."

Since Air Force is separated from its other two rivals by about 2,000 miles, it's harder to perpetuate a rivalry in other athletic endeavors. As members of the Patriot League, Army and Navy wind up playing each other in all sports—not just as independent football rivals on the I-A level. The Falcons rarely face off with their Eastern foes in any sport other than football.

Besides, it's kind of tough to kidnap a mascot and drag it across two-thirds of a country.

"It's a tradeoff," Air Force Athletic Director Ken Schweitzer said. "We offer young men the keys to a '93 Corvette, and they offer them the keys to a '56 Thunderbird."

Air Force began varsity football in 1956, under Buck Shaw, who four years later would coach the Philadelphia Eagles to the National Football League championship. But it is Ben Martin who is usually considered the "father of Falcon football."

Martin coached at the academy for 20 seasons (1958-77), leading Air Force to three bowl games, including the 1971 Sugar Bowl. Bill Parcells—yes, Bill Parcells—followed Martin at Air Force, coaching for one year before leaving and eventually beginning his NFL career. He was followed by Ken Hatfield and, finally, DeBerry, in 1984.

Under DeBerry, the Falcons have thrived, a testament to his coaching skills, but also to the continuity of his staff. In the last 10 years, he has lost only four coaches, a big plus in recruiting—the toughest part of academy coaching. The Falcons' methods of recruiting are similar to the other academies—locate players who meet the school's stringent academic requirements, weed out the ones who wouldn't be interested in academy life and start selling.

"We let them see firsthand the academy," DeBerry said. "We like them to go to classes here and interact with the cadets who have to walk the walk every day. We hope they leave here thinking that we care about their total development, not just what they can do in front of 50,000 people on Saturday afternoon."

Until recently, when military cuts substantially limited the number of graduates guaranteed flight training (from 750 to 250), DeBerry and his staff could offer recruits a six-year "Top Gun" assignment. Even though they can't promise flight training anymore, Falcon coaches can deliver something most colleges can't.

"These kids are guaranteed a job," Bowman said. "They'll go to school for free for four years, get a chance to be a pilot, a chance to be a Division I football player and a chance to go to a bowl game."

Postseason play is quite a lure at Air Force these days, since the Falcons played in four consecutive Liberty Bowls from 1989-92, a result of winning the Commander-in-Chief Trophy. Although the Liberty Bowl did not guar-



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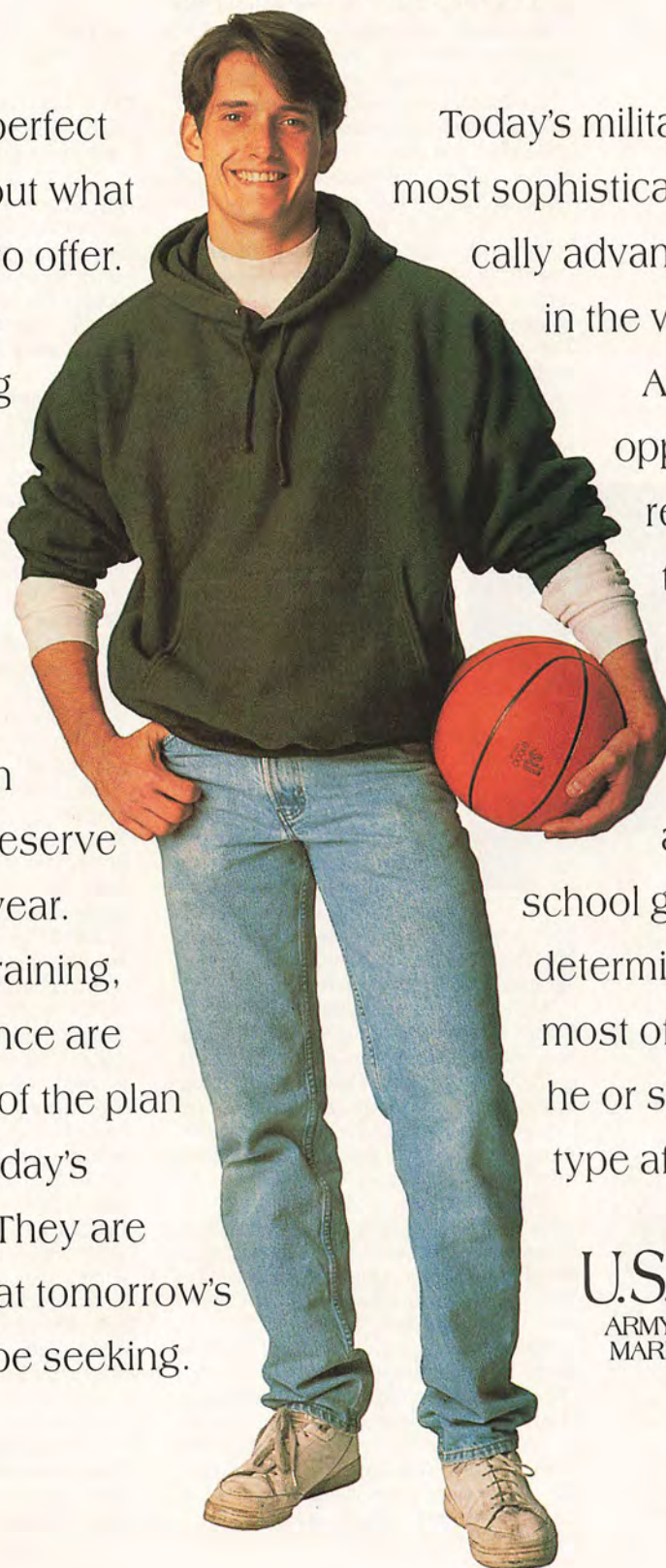
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# A FEW GOOD MEN

antee a spot for the academy champion in 1993—and the game is on shaky footing because of poor attendance and awful weather—the Falcons usually have a good shot at a bowl berth, thanks to the recent strength—four postseason participants in '93—of the Western Athletic Conference, of which Air Force is a member.

That conference affiliation is a big help in recruiting, since the Falcons compete for a championship and receive shares of bowl and TV revenues—something Army and Navy do not. “I don’t think we’d be where we are without the WAC,” Schweitzer said. “It’s a tremendous advantage for us. When (WAC member) San Diego State is on TV seven times, they talk about the whole conference.”

The Falcons still have to get it done on the field, and with rosters made up primarily of undersized and slower athletes, that’s not always easy. Ergo, the wishbone, which is now the province of Air Force, Army—and few others. The offense relies on precision, eats up the clock so the schools’ smaller defenses don’t have to play 35 minutes a game and requires undersized linemen to hold their blocks shorter than pro-style sets. Since Air Force has been blessed with some great wishbone quarterbacks—Bart Weiss, Dee Dowis, Rob Perez—it has thrived.

“The wishbone is ideally suited for the kind of players we get,” DeBerry said. “We don’t have to have big massive players like other offenses—6-7 linemen and 6-4 drop-back quarterbacks. We get players who can run and have a lot of heart, and we pride ourselves on a good kicking game.”

“I think coaches at service academies enjoy the type of players they work with—goal-oriented leaders.”

**Y**ou can’t fault Navy fans these days for wondering if Heisman-winning alums Roger Staubach and Joe Bellino have any eligibility left. The last decade has

been a tough one for football in Annapolis, Md. No winning seasons. A 3-7 record against Army. And three coaches.

While Air Force has soared and Army isn’t too far removed from nine-win seasons and bowl games, Navy has toiled in I-A’s recesses, fighting to rebuild. Though 1993 was encouraging—Navy’s 4-7 record included a victory over Air Force and a near-miss against Army—the Middies are still far removed from bowl contention.

“We will compete in Division I-A,” Navy Athletic Director Jack Lengyel assured. “Whether we’ll compete for a national championship again, I don’t know. We may need to have Joe Bellino and Roger Staubach on the team at the same time.”

National championship? C’mon, Jack. How about a winning season first? George Chaump inherited the program in 1990 and, after a 5-6 debut, suffered through consecutive 1-10 seasons before last year’s four-win effort. Injuries were largely responsible for the one-victory campaigns—particularly hard-hit were the Navy quarterbacks—but the Middies were culpable as well. Especial-

ly galling was last year’s 16-14 loss to Army, in which the Middies blew a chance to win when a last-second, 18-yard field goal missed the mark. It was the second straight awful loss to the Cadets. In ’92, the Middies blew a 17-point lead and fell, 25-24. It’s a long way from the glory days of the late 1950s and early ’60s, when Navy made Orange Bowl and Cotton Bowl appearances. Or even the late-1970s and early-1980s, when George Welsh (now at Virginia) helped Navy to three bowl games—including a win in the 1978 Holiday Bowl over Brigham Young.

“During that period, we beat Army three straight times and Air Force two of three,” said Welsh, who compiled a 55-46-1 record at Navy from 1973-81 and played on Navy’s 1954 Sugar Bowl team that defeated Mississippi. “The perception was that we were the best of the academy teams.”

“We had two good things to sell recruits on. One was that Navy is an outstanding school and a place to get a great education. And second was that you had a job to go to when you graduated. It’s a great thing for people interested in entering the business world. You get more responsibility as a young naval officer than anywhere else at that age.”

“We have no margin for error at all,” Chaump said. “You have to be patient, and I misjudged that. I was at schools that were as down as they could be. But we were able to get some players and junior college transfers that never would have qualified here.”

“There’s no quick fix. We have to find them and develop them. There’s no immediate help. You may get somebody who is 6-4, 205, and in three years, he’ll be 6-5, 270, but you have to wait.”

Chaump saw some results last season, thanks in part to an easier schedule—I-AA opponents Eastern Illinois and Colgate, plus Bowling Green State all fell to the Middies—and should win four or five games this year, thanks to a solid returning nucleus and soft touches like Lafayette, Bowling Green and Rice on the schedule. But Chaump’s problem is one that haunts all three service academies. It’s tough to find enough players to compete—even with the I-A middleweights.

There’s no disputing the spirit, work ethic and determination of the players, even when times are tough. That’s the academy way.

“Losing those two years (the disastrous one-win seasons) was one of the hardest things I ever had to go through,” senior defensive back Chris Hart said. “I went to a high school (perennial national power Valdosta, Ga., High School) that lost two games in four years. But I got something positive out of the experience. The guys came together, and we felt there were better seasons ahead of us.”

Chaump estimates that 2,400 high school seniors nationwide are recruitable for I-A football each year. Stringent admissions requirements make only 15 to 20 percent of those eligible for the academies. And not everyone who is qualified is interested. As a result, the three academies often trip over each other on the recruiting trails.

The academies’ recruiting efforts are further crimped by recent NCAA regulations, which limit the number of on-campus visits by prospects, mandate that only seven assistant coaches can recruit on the road and cur-



Army has hardly been up to its Doc Blanchard-Red Blaik-Glenn Davis standards in recent years, but Navy’s fall has been even more precipitous. And there are no Roger Staubachs looming.



tail the amount of contact a school can have with high school seniors. While the rules may be designed to police the big boys, they hurt the academics more. As a result, Navy has been trying to win on the I-A level with several players on its roster better suited for I-AA competition.

"We have to recruit nationally," Chaump said. "We can't just limit our recruiting to the qualified candidates within a couple hundred miles of campus like other schools can. We can't get enough qualified candidates out of a small area, and if we get the candidates, we don't know if they're interested in us. They're out there."

"We need a larger number of student visits to get a qualified recruiting class."

Navy's sales pitch isn't too different from Army's or Air Force's. The locations may be different, and the branches of service may vary, but students at all three schools face the same demanding life—and potential reward.

Recruits who qualify and are interested in academy life are encouraged to begin the nomination process, which entails passing a physical examination, writing a letter to their U.S. representative or senators asking for nomination, going through the interview process for appointment and visiting the school.

"It's much lengthier than the process for most civilian schools, and that's going to be a deterrent sometimes," said Dave Smalley, Navy's assistant athletic director for admissions and academics. "Top-flight kids may not want to go through all that."

Those who make it to campus for a visit get a real dose of academy life, not just the

frightening stories they hear about hazing, lack of sleep and "Yes, sir/no, sir" lives that students supposedly lead. It's tough; there's no doubting that. But the academies are committed to building leaders, not automata.

"Once we get them on campus, our success rate is excellent," Smalley said. "They see more than just spit and polish. They see kids are pretty normal people. They go out on liberty on the weekends in civilian clothes. They go home for Christmas and spring break. They're not just going through paces like trained dogs."

Even if Chaump and his staff can land a strong recruiting class, they must make additional adjustments. Construction of a winning football team at Navy—or Army or Air Force—is secondary to academics and military training. It takes 152 credits to graduate from Annapolis, and the selection of majors is primarily limited to the sciences, mathematics and engineering. There are no cushy course loads, no semesters off, no cake courses in season. Other schools may blanch at the NCAA-mandated practice limits of 20 hours per week and four hours a day, but service academies have been living by rules more stringent than those for years.

"Other schools are a lot more flexible in what they can offer their student/athletes," Smalley said. "We're pretty restrictive and pretty demanding."

And how. Of the 18 majors offered at Annapolis, 14 are in technical fields, a necessity since the dawn of the nuclear submarine and increased complexity of battleships.

But the academy's academic and military requirements aren't the only problems. Navy

cannot rely on a league affiliation for exposure and TV or bowl money, like Air Force. The school has no established recruiting pipeline into verdant talent pastures, like larger, state-run programs. And there is precious little depth on the roster to combat injury and opponents' superior size and speed.

But things are getting better. Chaump has assembled a series of good recruiting classes and proved that his passing offense could work last year, when Jim Kubiak threw for a school-record 2,628 yards and 11 TDs. Whether Navy can win now will determine Chaump's fate.

To Jim Young, it made perfect sense. When he took over as Army's coach in 1983, he was thrilled to be part of such a storied tradition. A student of American history, Young was eager to learn more about West Point and its heroes. On the battlefield, that meant Eisenhower, MacArthur, Patton. On the football field, it was Chris Cagle, Red Blaik, Blanchard and Davis, Pete Dawkins. He wanted to share his passion with the players, too, hoping they would draw on the past successes and create new glory days.

It didn't work. At least, not at first.

"I showed the players all the highlight films and talked to them about the old Army teams," Young said. "But the players didn't want anything to do with it. I think because the old alums kept throwing the old days at them, they were fighting against it."

"After a while, they began to appreciate it."

Under Young, the Cadets went to three

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Academy football has come a long way since Navy's 1894 intramural team plied its trade, with the Middies' colorful goat and Army's exuberant cadets typifying the landscape of the 1990s.



PHIL HOFFMANN/U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

bowl games, winning two and nearly upsetting Alabama in the 1988 John Hancock Sun Bowl. The history lesson had worked. When he retired from head coaching after the 1990 season at West Point (he now is an assistant at Arizona), Young had added to Army's substantial gridiron legacy.

But he couldn't change the school's mission. The 16-hour days remained, and so did the torturous freshman year, when plebes are snapped in half—for future reconstruction. It's all part of the package: four years of school, six more of a military commitment. And very little of the fun often associated with the collegiate experience.

"There was so much mental stress," said Kevin Czarnecki, who played linebacker for the Cadets and graduated in 1993. "When I would go home for Christmas, I'd see my buddies, and it would start to sting a little. They'd say they love college, and on the last day of vacation they'd tell me they can't wait to go back. My first year, I didn't want to go back."

But Cadets and Midshipmen are trading the short-run fun of college's carefree days for the long term.

"Mom and dad will look down the road," Army Coach Bob Sutton said. "They're the biggest allies we have. We ask kids what they'll do when they graduate from university X, and they'll say, 'I don't know. No one talked to me about that.'"

In the 1970s and '80s, the academy sale was made considerably more difficult by the nation's attitude toward the military. The hugely unpopular Vietnam War alienated a whole generation and made the academies' jobs even tougher. The politics of the war were only part of the problem. The United States had lost—and looked bad doing it. The Gulf War changed that. Saddam Hussein may still be running amok in the Middle East, but the televised images of smart bombs blasting their targets and larger-than-life leaders guiding the effort brought a new luster to the military.

Although none of the academies can point to a surge in applicants or a rush for admissions information, all three report that service life is a little easier sell, now that the public's impression of the military has improved. Of course, during the Iraqi conflict, things were a little different. Sutton took over as coach at Army just before Operation Desert Storm was launched, and selling a six-year service commitment while the country was at war was not easy. The quick victory, however, was beneficial.

"The leaders we saw during Desert Storm, like General Schwarzkopf, gave a very favorable image of the military life," Sutton acknowledged.

The service academies may be trading a little on the sweet hangover of Desert Storm these days, but their main focus is on tradition. At West Point, that means the Long Gray Line. Duty. Honor. Country.

"When I think about a West Point cadet, I think of an individual willing to meet challenges on a daily basis," Sutton said. "The cadets are goal-oriented, disciplined and

mentally tough. The other thing I think we have here is an understanding of group dynamics. The cadets are part of a team in everything they do.

"Here, we understand a responsibility to other people."

And the players understand a football legacy as fine as any in the country. Three Cadet teams captured national titles, and Army was a national power well into the 1950s. During World War II, Army was omnipotent, rolling up a 34-2-2 record from 1943-46. Its 0-0 tie with Notre Dame in 1946 before 60,000-plus at Yankee Stadium ranks as one of the greatest college games in history.

Army's success during the war came in part from a substantial influx of former college stars who wished to enter the military as officers. Players who had completed four years of eligibility at other schools went to West Point and played another two or three seasons.

"That was a unique situation," Sutton said. "But after the war, many things that were pluses for the academies, like our superior, year-round conditioning, turned around. Two-platoon football, redshirting, national TV and the increased bowl system allowed a lot of other teams to develop talent and become well-known.

"That took away from our national advantage."

Army Athletic Director Al Vanderbush, a captain on the 1960 team, remembers that the Cadets traveled to Nebraska and dropped a tough 14-9 decision. Twelve years later, the Cornhuskers visited West Point and routed Army, 77-7.

"We haven't been able to get the same talent as other schools," Vanderbush said. "I believe that the commitment to football at other schools and the specialization of talent has caused them to zoom past us. We've maintained the status quo."

Army has had better fortunes recently than its seafaring rival to the south. Although the Cadets were 6-5 last season, they played in three bowls during the 1980s and have rolled up a solid 64-48-1 record in the last 10 years.

But don't expect another stretch like the mid-'40s—or more Heisman winners in the mold of Doc Blanchard, Glenn Davis and Pete Dawkins. A good football team is nice, but none of the academies will ever sacrifice its high standards in order to win a few more games. And the student/athletes who choose to attend those schools understand that.

"I've asked myself lots of times whether I would do this again, and I think I would," Roper said. "The academy has been good to me, and I like what I have learned. Even though this isn't Florida State or Nebraska, we have a chance to go to a bowl game every year. All you can ask is to be given a shot to play.

"If I had a son, this is where I would want him to go."

In the 1920s, Douglas MacArthur was asked about the value of athletics at West Point. His response was a perfect mission statement for football at the academies:

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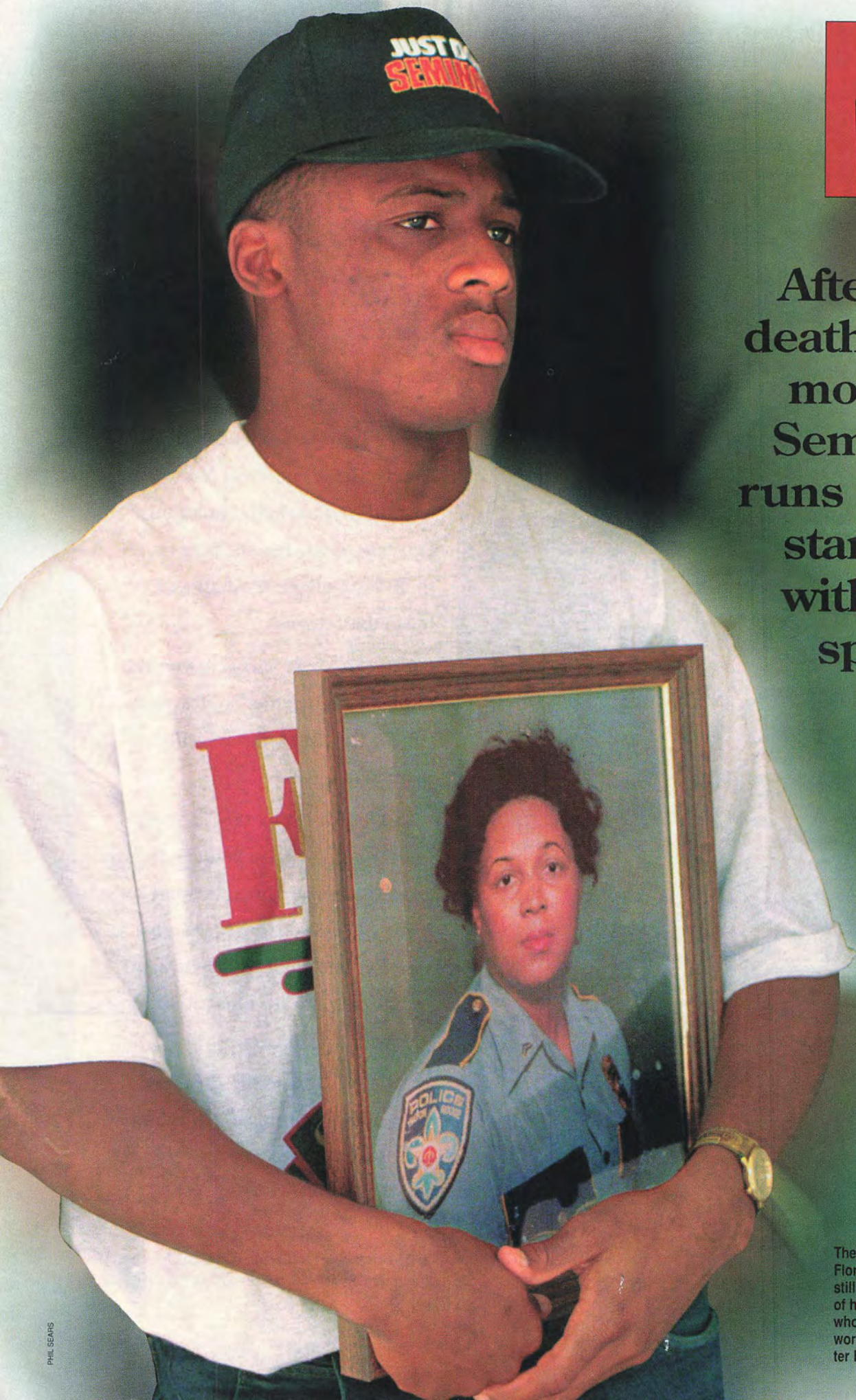
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After the death of his mother, Seminole runs toward stardom with her spirit



The crying has stopped, but Florida State's Warrick Dunn still feels the pain over the loss of his mother, a police officer who was fatally shot while working off-duty two nights after Dunn's 18th birthday.



# MORE TEARS

By DAVID H. CARROLL

Free-lance writer

**T**he tears have stopped. Warrick Dunn doesn't cry anymore. But when you look into the Florida State tailback's eyes, you can see the pain is still there.

A day doesn't pass without Dunn thinking of his mother, police officer Betty Dunn Smothers, who was shot and killed while working off-duty last year, two nights after Warrick's 18th birthday. Dunn has been trying to cope ever since.

Some days, when Dunn misses his mother most, he watches a video tribute to her that was given to him by a television station. Other days, he glances at a photo of them embracing after one of his last high school football games and says a quiet prayer.

And with every carry and pass reception at Florida State, Dunn runs with her spirit.

"Everything I accomplish is a tribute to her," Dunn said softly. "She will always be here with me. You see, my mom was my best friend and I loved her very much. She sacrificed so much for me and my younger brothers and sisters. She just wanted to make our lives better."

Betty Smothers, 36, was a single parent of six children who worked two jobs to support her family. She was a respected 14-year veteran of the Baton Rouge, La., police force as well as an off-duty security officer for grocery stores and nightclubs.

Shortly after midnight on January 7, 1993, Smothers was working off-duty as an escort for a supermarket manager who needed to deposit money at a night depository. As the two approached the depository in a car, they were ambushed by three gunmen. Smothers was shot in the head and killed instantly. The store manager was seriously wounded but survived, driving the car a half-mile down the road to get help.

It was a rainy night, and Dunn was wondering why his mom hadn't come home by 12:30 a.m.

"Then I got a phone call," Dunn said. "They said, 'Your momma's been shot.' I didn't believe them. I said, 'Stop kidding.'"

Dunn had to identify his mother at the hospital.

"When I first saw her, I thought she was still alive," he said. "She wasn't covered. I thought she was asleep. Then someone said, 'We're sorry.'"

That's when Dunn lost it.

"I started screaming, 'She's going to be OK!'" Dunn said. "I started going crazy. 'Why my mom?'"

The day she was buried, police arrested four men in connection with the killing. An outpouring of community support followed for Dunn and his family. More than 4,000

people attended a memorial service. The police escort to the cemetery stretched eight miles. Enough money was raised to move the children into a six-bedroom house, and a trust fund was established to send all of them to college. Dunn's grandmother moved in with the family.

"People didn't know how we were going to make it without her," Dunn said. "But when

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Warrick Dunn on  
Charlie Ward

she wasn't there, I took care of the kids. The first thing I did was tell the family, 'We're going to make it. I'm going to take care of you. We've got to stick together.'"

"Everyone told me I was being strong. I didn't sleep much, if at all, those first few days. I stopped crying. I didn't say much. It was like a big dream."

While Dunn, a quicksilver wishbone quarterback, running back and cornerback at Baton Rouge's Catholic High School, was trying to hold his family together, he also was in the process of choosing which college scholarship offer to accept. The week after his mother's murder, he visited Tallahassee, Fla., and decided Florida State was the college he wanted to attend.

Then the phone calls started.

Former pro quarterback Doug Williams, a longtime friend of Warrick's mom, phoned Seminole quarterback Charlie Ward and

asked him to take care of the kid when he arrived.

"Charlie and I had run across each other in an airport a year before and we had become good friends," Williams explained. "I told Charlie I wanted him to be kind of like a big brother to Warrick. Before I knew it, a couple weeks later, Charlie called me back and asked me to ask Warrick if he would want to be his roommate."

Dunn vividly remembers his first conversation with Ward. "When he first called me, we talked for over an hour and a half and we didn't even know each other," Warrick said. "Charlie and I just hit it off as well as two people could."

Ward proved to be a settling influence on the young running back. He took the distraught lad under his wing as a roommate and Dunn blossomed, spectacularly, on and off the field. Dunn went from being the No. 5 tailback in preseason practice to leading the 1993 national champion Seminoles with 10 touchdowns.

"When I first came here and was dealing with my mom's death, (Ward) just talked to me about it," Dunn recalled. "He said some things that meant a lot to me. He, I guess, just steered me in the right direction. He kept me calm. He assured me that everything was going to be all right."

Indeed, Dunn had no problems adjusting to college football. In fact, he often seemed to be at his best in climactic moments of big games. There were his two key first-down conversions on direct snaps from center in a 28-10 triumph over Miami (Fla.). There was his 79-yard touchdown reception that sealed Florida State's 33-21 victory over Florida. There were his two crucial receptions on the Seminoles' go-ahead scoring drive in the last minute of the 18-16 win over Nebraska in the Orange Bowl.

Through it all, Dunn showed considerable grace under pressure.

"Warrick is unusually mature for such a young guy," said Ward, the 1993 Heisman Trophy winner. "He did a good job under the toughest circumstances imaginable. Everyone admires his courage."

Coach Bobby Bowden shakes his head in admiration while discussing his newest star.

"He's special to me," Bowden said. "I am amazed at what Warrick's accomplished and how he has handled everything. How many kids would try to come back from what he has been through? He's just got a lot of character and maturity about him and knows that life must go on."

Nobody expected Dunn to step right in and be such an integral part of Florida State's explosive offense.

"I basically thought I'd just have to wait my

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# NO MORE TEARS



DEBBIE LEBLANC

Betty Dunn Smothers was not only Warrick Dunn's mother, but also his best friend. Dunn soon went from taking care of business as a prep star to taking care of his siblings.

turn and learn the system," Dunn said. "I remember talking to my high school coach, Dale Weiner, before I left and saying, 'Well, I'll have to get used to sitting on the bench for the first time in my life.'"

One of Bowden's best moves was one that he didn't make. Dunn was one or two injured defensive backs away from being switched to the secondary during the preseason. But after Dunn broke several big runs in his first college scrimmage, Mickey Andrews, Florida State's defensive coordinator/defensive-backs coach, remarked, "I'll never see that kid on this side of the ball."

Being able to make plays against Florida State's powerful defense boosted Dunn's confidence. "That showed me I could play with anybody," he said.

Dunn's ability to play with the big boys isn't attributed to his size (5-foot-9, 178 pounds). Instead, he excels because of great quickness and outstanding tenacity.

He displayed both traits in his first collegiate run, a 23-yard effort against Kansas in the 1993 Kickoff Classic. His first reception went 57 yards against Duke. This was just an early preview of the speedy, spinning freshman.

Dunn relished his rookie role, which was to relieve senior tailback Sean Jackson and provide a spark. "I liked the secret-weapon role I had," he said. "I never knew what I was going to do next."

Dunn was used selectively. He touched the ball only

93 times, but he made the most of his opportunities, averaging 7.5 yards per rushing attempt (511 yards on 68 carries) and 14.3 yards per reception (357 yards on 25 catches). Additionally, Dunn's 162 yards rushing on eight carries (20.3 per attempt) in a 54-0 rout of Wake Forest were the most by a Seminole since 1988.

"The young man's got supersonic speed and on top of that he's got the ability to run sideways," Seminoles running-backs coach Billy Sexton said. "He has the unique ability to be running straight ahead and jump over a lane and keep going without losing any speed."

"That's just a God-given gift I have," Dunn acknowledged. "When I'm running out there, I really don't know what I'm gonna do next. I just go with the flow."

But Dunn's off-field "flow" may not be similar to other college students. Like Ward, Dunn is shy and humble and likes to hang out in his dormitory room. "I don't go out and party much," Dunn said. "My good time is spending time at home watching TV."

Dunn goes to sleep with the television set on because he's scared of the dark. "That's something that comes from a bad childhood experience," Dunn related. "One night when I was 6, some guys broke in our house and took some stuff. They put towels and sheets over our heads so that we couldn't see who they were. They told us, 'Don't move or else.' I was so scared, I wouldn't even flinch. Ever since then, I have felt some security with the TV on. I don't like the complete dark."

Aside from developing a fear of the dark as a youth, Dunn cultivated a love of sports. He was introduced to various games at an early age by his mother, who had run track in col-

lege at Southern. In the summers, Smothers coached the KY track club, a team of youngsters that loaded up in Warrick's mom's car and traveled from city to city to compete in meets. "Running track helped me gain my quickness and speed more than anything," Dunn said.

The fleet-footed kid was a winner from the outset. It didn't matter the sport, Dunn hated to lose—and rarely did.

"When Warrick was a sophomore in high school, we lost the second game of the season," Weiner recalled. "I was taking Warrick home and, I mean, he was just so down in the dumps. I said, 'What's wrong, man?' And he said, 'You know, I just hate losing.' And I said, 'Well, you know, I hate losing, too. But that's just the way it goes. Hey, keep plugging, you can't win them all.' And Warrick said, 'Coach, I've never lost a football game.' I said, 'What do you mean, you've never lost a football game?' He said, 'I've been playing since the third grade and I've never lost a game.' He had been playing football seven previous seasons and he had only played on undefeated teams."

In addition to Weiner, Dunn was surrounded by a good group of people at Catholic High, including Joe LeBlanc, an assistant football coach and assistant principal. LeBlanc became a father figure to Dunn. Every day during football season, he drove Dunn home from practice. He took Dunn to sporting events and restaurants. "A special bond developed between us," LeBlanc said. "He's such a great guy. And as far as I'm concerned, my wife and I have adopted him. I have two sons. I'm white; he's black. But my two boys love him like a brother."

LeBlanc was the first person from Catholic High that Dunn called on the fateful night his mom was shot and killed. "He was in shock at first," LeBlanc said. "But, being the trouper that he was, pretty soon he was thinking about everything he had to do—who he had to call, what he had to do with his little brothers and sisters."

"Warrick was the man of the house and his mother, Betty, had done an extremely good job raising Warrick," Williams said. "It trickled down from there."

"I went through some tragic stuff myself, when my wife died in '83. You can't get it off your mind. But Warrick's mature enough and strong enough to realize his mom's gone. A lot of things he has accomplished and will accomplish will be in memory of his mother. His mother is his inner strength. He knows what she wanted for him."

Dunn is trying to put the painful memories of his mom's death behind him. Talking about it has worn him down. He prefers to leave the past in the past and get on with his life. ♦

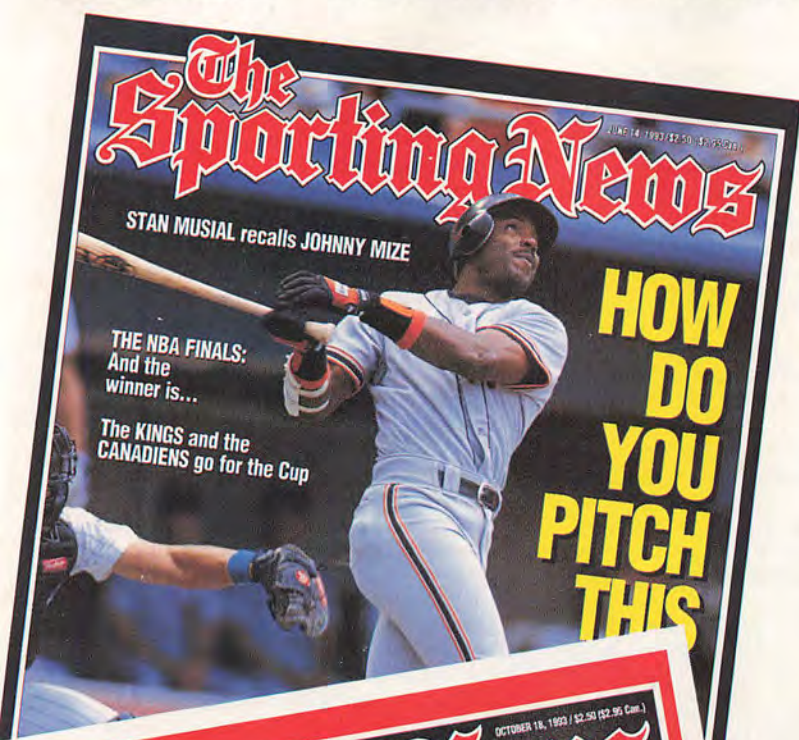


PHIL SEARS

Taken under his wing by Heisman winner Charlie Ward, Dunn exhibited rare maturity in the face of adversity and played a key role as a Florida State freshman.



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# It's Part II, Florida State vs. Irish: Little need to practice, Holtz chides, since game 'won't affect' national title



IVAN MAISEL

**N**otre Dame Coach Lou Holtz spent the winter explaining a change in preparation he planned to employ for his team's rematch with Florida State at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla., on November 12.

"We're going to have a wonderful week," Holtz said. "I have it planned that we will not practice that week. We will go to Disney World, Epcot Center. We will go to Sea World. We'll go to Universal Studios. We're just going to have a good time.

"Obviously," Holtz concluded, "the outcome of that game does not affect the national championship."

For five bucks, you could buy a bumper sticker in the Midwest last spring that read "Notre Dame 31, National Champions 24." The Seminoles laughed all the way to the White House, where they did the No. 1 thing with President Clinton.

With past as prologue, welcome to the second and final round of the most

competitive, exciting, attention-grabbing rivalry in recent years. The buildup began in the summer of 1993 and continued throughout the season. On November 13, the largest TV audience for a regular-season college football game since the Alabama-Auburn contest televised by ABC on November 28, 1981, gathered to watch the showdown. The nation watched the Fighting Irish dominate the Seminoles for three quarters, then hold on as Charlie Ward dominated the last two minutes. (In that '81 game, the nation watched the Crimson Tide's Bear Bryant establish a Division I-A record with his 315th coaching victory.)

By January 2, 1994, Notre Dame and Florida State each held bragging rights over the other. The Irish had beaten the Seminoles. The Seminoles had beaten the nation. And the drumbeat for this season's game began when the final polls showed Florida State on top.

"Going into the season, it's the marquee game," said Bob Goodrich, the coordinating producer of college football for ABC Sports. "Each week that goes by and they stay undefeated, it will become bigger and bigger."

Of course, the odds that the Irish and the Seminoles again will blow through their difficult schedules and enter their encounter as the top two teams in the nation are slim.

For one thing, Florida State plays at Miami (Fla.) October 8. The Seminoles haven't won in the Orange Bowl since 1984. For another, Notre Dame doesn't have a quarterback with experience. We said that last year, and senior Kevin McDougal stepped in and did an outstanding job in Rick Mirer's absence.

McDougal got a chance when heralded freshman Ron Powlus broke his right collarbone in Notre Dame's final preseason scrimmage last August. He re-fractured the bone in October and missed the season.

Employing a hands-off-Powlus policy last spring, Holtz ensured his quarterback's health entering fall drills.

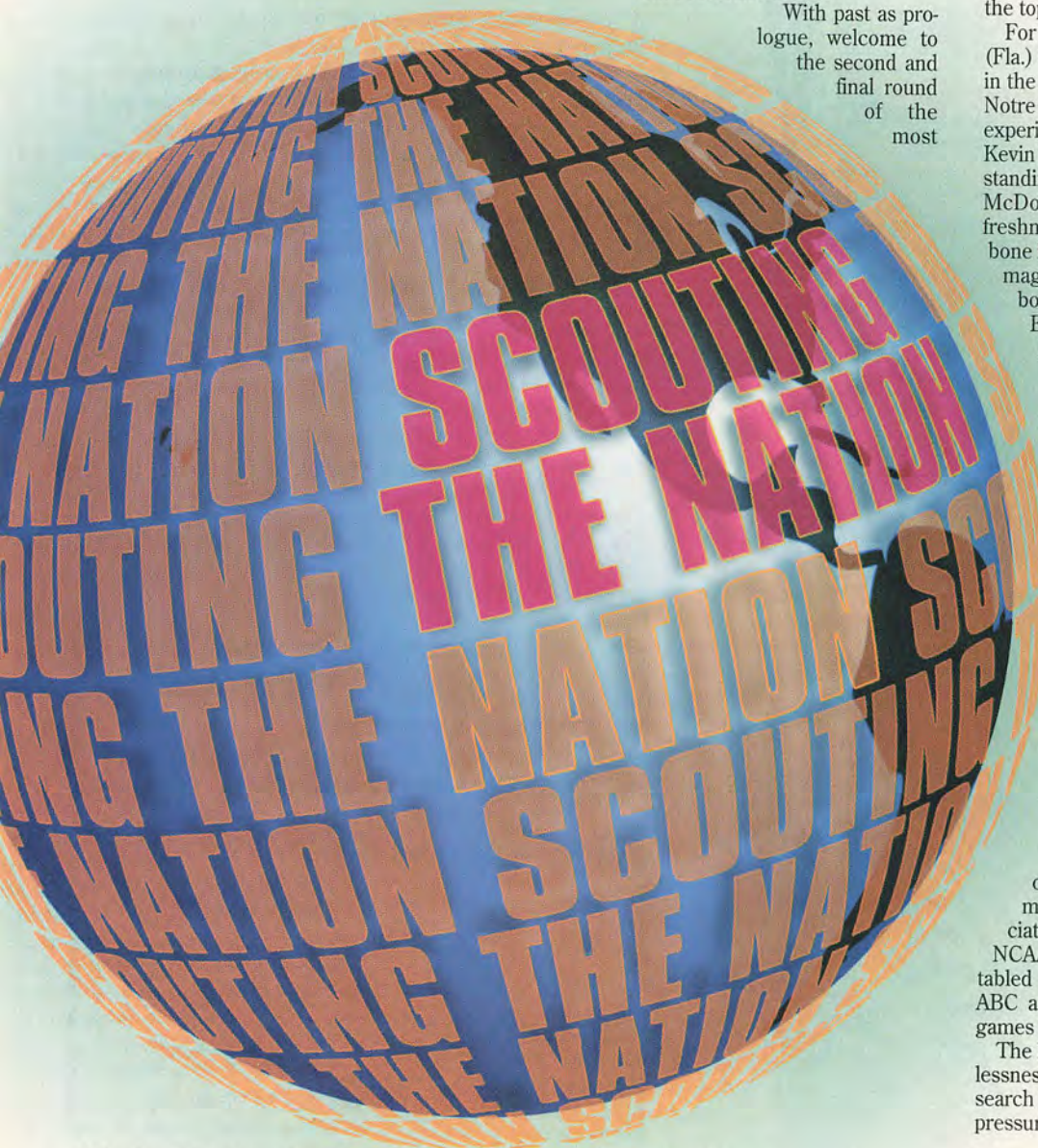
"You just don't stick your head out the back kitchen door and give a holler and get many like him," Holtz said.

For this rivalry, college football fans can thank Penn State and Auburn. Each needed to clear space on its schedule for conference games. The Nittany Lions dropped the Irish and the Tigers bid adieu to the Seminoles. For that, the Bowden family is ever thankful. Otherwise, son Terry would have had to coach against daddy Bobby. And that would have made Mama Ann Bowden a basket case.

## IT'S A FREE FOR ALL

At the time, it seemed like a blip on the radar screen of TV riches. The members of the College Football Association, meeting last January during the NCAA Convention in San Antonio, Tex., tabled a five-year contract extension with ABC and ESPN for the TV rights to CFA games beginning in 1996.

The lack of action, however, signified restlessness among the CFA constituents. Their search for more dollars eventually produced pressure that ripped apart conferences with





origins tracing to nearly the turn of the century.

Within a month, the Southeastern and Big East conferences had bolted the CFA to sign deals with CBS.

Within three months, the 80-year-old Southwest Conference had been picked apart by vultures from the Big Eight and the Western Athletic Conference.

Doomsayers warned that fragmenting the TV marketplace would mean lower revenues in the year 2000, when the new contracts expire. But asking athletic directors to prepare for the future when big money is dangled before them today is like asking a 5-year-old to save half a bag of M&Ms for tomorrow.

Beginning with the 1996 football season, Southwest Conference members Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Baylor will be part of the Bigger-Than-Eight Conference. Fellow SWC schools Rice, Southern Methodist and Texas Christian will belong to the WAC. For now, Houston will wing it as an independent.

Also effective in 1996, Big West Conference members UNLV and San Jose State, along with independent Tulsa, will join the WAC. By expanding to 16 teams, the WAC will become the NCAA's biggest league.

"Everybody is stronger," said Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany, whose league ended its moratorium on expansion in June, after all the action. "The WAC is more competitive. We're better off than we were 10 years ago. The ACC is stronger. I think we're all better."

All, that is, except the SWC. A league that has produced five Heisman Trophy winners and four Associated Press national champions has two seasons to live.

## A COACH AND A GENTLEMAN

More than three decades had elapsed between the time Bud Wilkinson retired from coaching at Oklahoma and his death earlier this year at age 77. So much time had passed, in fact, that the enormity of Wilkinson's achievements during his tenure with the Sooners (1947-63) went ungrasped at the time of his passing.

Following are just a few of the incredible streaks Wilkinson's Sooners constructed:

- Longest winning streak, 47 games, 1953-57.
- Longest conference winning streak, 44, 1952-59.
- Longest conference unbeaten streak, 74 (72-0-2), \*1946-59.
- Most consecutive conference championships, 14, \*1946-59.

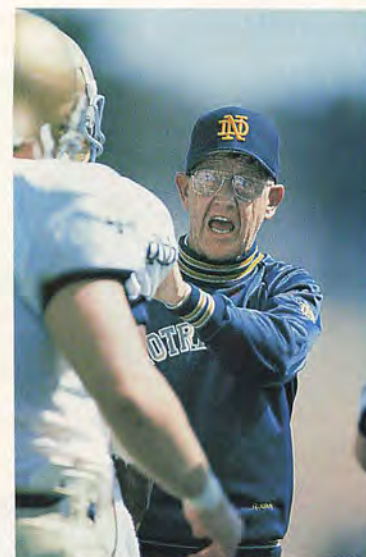
(\*Began the year before Wilkinson arrived.)

Wilkinson's .826 career winning percentage (145-29-4) in 17 seasons in Norman, Okla., ranks eighth all-time among Division I-A coaches. By comparison, the best winning percentage among active I-A coaches belongs to Nebraska's Tom Osborne (.811, 206-47-3 record).

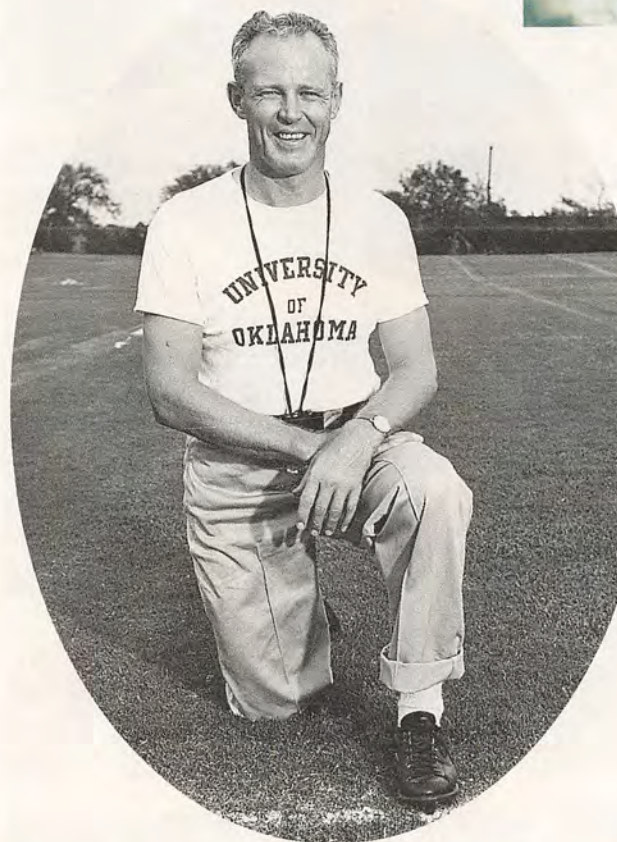
Beyond all the numbers, however, stood the man who personified the term "Gentleman Coach." His players played so hard because they didn't want to risk disappointing him. After Kentucky upset Oklahoma, 13-7, in the 1951 Sugar Bowl, ending the Sooners'



BOB ROSATO



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Upon reflection, the enormity of the coaching achievements of Bud Wilkinson (left) can really be appreciated. Wilkinson, a man of rare class, won at a pace that ranks eighth on the all-time I-A list. Tom Osborne (top, left), Lou Holtz (top, right) and Terry Bowden know a little about coaching success as well. Nebraska's Osborne boasts an .811 winning percentage, Holtz has compiled an outstanding record at Notre Dame and Bowden is 11-0 at the Auburn helm.



JOHN WILLIAMSON

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31-game winning streak, Wilkinson gave the winning coach a lesson he never forgot.

"He showed me the class I wish I had," Paul (Bear) Bryant said of Wilkinson. "He came into our dressing room afterward and shook hands with me and as many of the players as he could reach. I had never done that before, or seen it done. But I've done it since."

#### FIVE BEST WATER BUGS

1. Leeland McElroy, 5-foot-11, 200-pound Texas A&M sophomore tailback. He used his great acceleration and surprising size to lead the nation in kickoff returns (39.3-yard average) last season.

2. Napoleon Kaufman, 5-9, 185-pound Washington senior tailback. No one gets to

the corner faster.

3. Kirby Dar Dar, 5-9, 183-pound Syracuse senior tailback. A superb kick returner, he'll be counted on heavily in the Orangemen's young backfield.

4. Charlie Jones, 5-10, 170-pound Fresno State junior flanker. There's no Trent Dilfer to get him the ball, but when did the lack of an experienced passer worry a Bulldog receiver?

5. Jonathan Harris, 5-9, 165-pound Miami senior flanker. He experienced growing pains last year. Now the question is: Can Frank Costa or Ryan Collins get him the ball?

#### REMEMBERING BO

Following are the five best coaches who have never won a national championship:

1. Tom Osborne, Nebraska. Every 10 years, he comes close.

2. Steve Spurrier, Florida. All of the talent in that state, and none of his recruits can play defense.

3. Terry Donahue, UCLA. All of the talent in that city, and none of his recruits can win an important non-conference game.

4. John Cooper, Ohio State. Maybe we should hope that he first earns a Rose Bowl berth for the Buckeyes.

5. George Welsh, Virginia. He always has coached at schools that are more interested in academics than athletics.

#### CREAMPUFFS NEED NOT APPLY

Five toughest schedules:

1. Northeast Louisiana. Coach Dave Roberts took one look at this schedule and fled to Notre Dame as offensive coordinator. In their first I-A season, the Indians open with three games on the road (Colorado, Auburn and Georgia).

2. Texas Tech. After opening at home against improved New Mexico on September 3, the Red Raiders play host to Nebraska five days later. Texas Tech then travels to Oklahoma and Texas A&M in two of the next three weeks.

3. UCLA. Among the Bruins' first six games are a home contest vs. Tennessee and road dates at Nebraska, Washington and California.

4. Michigan/Colorado. They tie because they play each other in Ann Arbor, Mich., on September 24. The Wolverines open at home vs. Boston College, travel to Notre Dame and then play host to Colorado. After opening against Northeast Louisiana (see above), the Buffaloes entertain Wisconsin and then travel to Michigan and Texas. They also play Oklahoma (home), Kansas State (home) and Nebraska (road) on consecutive Saturdays in October.

#### NO SWEAT

These four schools are taking light course loads this fall:

1. Alabama. Athletic Director Hootie Ingram would rather be called by his given name (Cecil) than schedule a non-conference game against a good team. This year, the Crimson Tide clashes with UT-Chattanooga, Tulane and Southern Mississippi. Ingram must get scheduling tips from Iowa and Indiana.

2. Mississippi State. The Bulldogs play only three teams that won more than six games in 1993 (Tennessee, Auburn and Alabama),

The presence of a Heisman Trophy contender, Tyrone Wheatley (right), boosts Michigan's hopes against Notre Dame and much-praised red-shirt Ron Powlus (below, left), while the presence of place-kicker John Becksvoort means almost-certain PAT conversions for the Tennessee Vols.



BOB ROSATO



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and all three journey to Starkville, Miss.

3. East Carolina. The Pirates open at Duke and then travel to Temple. They also entertain I-AA Central Florida. Of their five 1994 Division I-A opponents who compiled winning records last season, three visit Greenville, N.C.

4. North Carolina. The Tar Heels' three non-conference opponents (Texas Christian, Tulane and Southern Methodist) went a combined 8-22-2 last season against Division I-A opponents.

## LURKING IN THE SHADOWS

Five most underrated coaches:

1. Rich Brooks, Oregon. He does more with fewer resources than his Pacific-10 counterparts. Just ask them about Brooks.

2. Pat Jones, Oklahoma State. He maintained the Cowboys after Jimmy Johnson left following the 1983 season and rebuilt them following severe NCAA sanctions just a few years later.

3. Fisher DeBerry, Air Force. He thrives under built-in restrictions. Furthermore, his Falcons always are dangerous. Ask Ohio State.

4. Tom Rossley, Southern Methodist. Find somebody else who could have produced a 7-13-2 record over the last two seasons with the Mustangs. He's turning Ramon Flanigan into a dangerous quarterback.

5. Dennis Franchione, New Mexico. He won at Division II (Pittsburg, Kan., State) and at Division I-AA (Southwest Texas State). Now he's about to make the Lobos contenders in the Western Athletic Conference. History says that's not easy to do.

## BACK TO SCHOOL

College coaches long have complained about the talent drain from their staffs to the professional ranks, particularly among young, black assistants. In recent years, however, veteran coaches such as Bill Walsh, John Robinson and Kim Helton have left the NFL to return to the college game. Following are five of the most prominent coaches to return to the college ranks for the 1994 campaign:

1. Dan Henning, Boston College coach. He hasn't coached in the college ranks in two decades, plus he has failed at two NFL head-coaching jobs (San Diego and Atlanta). Regardless, Eagles Athletic Director Chet Gladchuk took a tip from New England Patriots Coach Bill Parcells and hired Henning, the Detroit Lions' offensive coordinator last season.

2. Marion Campbell, Georgia defensive coordinator. A three-time NFL head coach (Atlanta twice and Philadelphia), Campbell hasn't participated in college football since he played for the Bulldogs from 1949-51.

3. Ted Tollner, San Diego State coach. The former Southern California boss returns after stints with the staffs of the Buffalo Bills, San Diego Chargers and Los Angeles Rams. He enjoyed some success coaching the Trojans, going 26-20-1 in four seasons (1983-86) and capturing one Pac-10 title and a Rose Bowl victory.

4. George O'Leary, Georgia Tech defensive coordinator. He helped construct a defense that led the Yellow Jackets to a share of the 1990 national championship. He then fol-

lowed Bobby Ross to the San Diego Chargers for the 1992 season. But after two years in the pros, he had seen enough.

5. Gary Tranquill, Virginia Tech offensive coordinator. The former Navy head coach (1982-86) most recently coached quarterbacks for the Cleveland Browns. (Given the Bernie Kosar controversy last season, the Browns were anything but tranquil in '93.) He has a real talent to develop in quarterback Maurice DeShazo.

## MARK IT DOWN

Five milestones you'll see in 1994:

1. Miami (Fla.) setting a Division I-A record for home winning streak. The Hurricanes tied Alabama's 57-game mark last season. Miami can break the Crimson Tide's record with a victory over Georgia Southern on September 3. The Hurricanes' last loss in the Orange Bowl was to Florida on September 7, 1985.

2. Bobby Bowden getting his 250th career victory. He's 11 shy, so the milestone triumph may come in a bowl game.

3. LaVell Edwards and Lou Holtz each attaining his 200th career win. They need three and seven victories, respectively. Notre Dame's seventh game this season is against—surprise—Brigham Young.

4. Tennessee place-kicker John Becksvort setting the Southeastern Conference record for consecutive extra points made. He needs 14 to break the league mark of 135 set by Van Tiffin of Alabama from 1983-86. This is not a good year for records set by the

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Crimson Tide.

5. The 125th anniversary of college football. On November 6, 1869, in New Brunswick, N.J., Rutgers defeated Princeton, 6-4, in the first known intercollegiate football game.

## MONEY PLAYER

Alabama junior split end Toderick Malone doesn't catch a pass unless it's important. Last season, Malone made nine receptions for an average of 30.2 yards. Two of his catches went for touchdowns of 77 and 45 yards. The other seven netted first downs.

## THAT'S THE TICKET

The following games are of the must-see variety:

- August 28, Nebraska vs. West Virginia at the Kickoff Classic, East Rutherford, N.J. The national championship game the other 48 states didn't want is played eight months later.
- September 3, Louisville at Kentucky. Next thing you know, the Bluegrass State will recognize football as a sport.
- September 10, Michigan at Notre Dame. The last time the Wolverines beat the Fighting Irish they had a future Heisman Trophy winner (Desmond Howard, 1991) in their lineup. Hear that, Tyrone Wheatley?
- September 17, Wisconsin at Colorado. Talk about a change of fortunes. In 1986, the Badgers and Buffaloes combined for nine victories. Last season, they totaled 18.
- September 24, Washington at Miami (Fla.). The Hurricanes' home-field winning streak will be in peril with the Huskies in town.
- October 8, Florida State at Miami (Fla.). Don't look now, but the Hurricanes have lost two of their last three games.
- October 15 Part I, Penn State at Michigan.

Maybe this season, Joe won't try four straight dives into the goal line.

•October 15 Part II, Alabama at Tennessee. It's the Third Saturday in October. Eight TSIOs have passed since the Volunteers last beat the Crimson Tide.

•October 29, Colorado at Nebraska. The Buffaloes rarely win in Lincoln, Neb. In 1990, they had to score 27 points in the fourth quarter to pull it off.

•November 5, Wisconsin at Ohio State. The Big Ten's 1993 co-champions hope their 1994 encounter is as meaningful and exciting as last year's 14-14 contest.

•November 12, Notre Dame vs. Florida

might play 14 games this season.

On September 24, the Bulldogs play at Hawaii, a 12th game allowed by the NCAA as an incentive to keep Hawaii alive in Division I-A. The Bulldogs open the season on August 29 against Ohio State in the Disneyland Pigskin Classic, a preseason game exempted by the NCAA because it provides funds for coaching pensions.

Should Fresno State, which has tied for the Western Athletic Conference title the last two seasons, earn a bowl bid for the sixth time in the last seven seasons, the Bulldogs would wind up playing 14 games. Point of reference: In 1977, the NFL regular season consisted of 14 games.

## PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW

Four things we'll miss from 1993:

1. Charlie Ward. He was more dependable than a rooster at dawn. We'll see the difference he made last year by his absence this year.

2. Marshall Faulk. Along with John Elway, he'll be a first-team choice in the Never Won a Heisman Trophy backfield.

3. State. Memphis, period? *Memphis?* Memphis State is a school. Memphis, period, is Elvis, barbecue and Beale Street. Maybe they'll rename Graceland.

4. Intimidating Miami (Fla.). The Hurricanes haven't been impressive since they stuffed Syracuse, 49-0,

last October. Unless the defense recovers its swagger, we'll miss the intimidation in '94, too.

## GOOD RIDDANCE

Four things we won't miss from 1993:

1. "Who's No. 1?" Listening to the babble over who should be No. 1 was like hearing the drone of a leaf blower for 24 hours. OK, West Virginia fans, it's time to stop the mail.

2. Fights. New rules that will toss players out for the next half of play (even if it's for the first half of the next game) will end the spectacles witnessed too many times last season.

3. Intimidating Miami (Fla.). Like Madonna, a relic of the 1980s, the Hurricanes' act was getting old.

4. "Bobby, how much does it bother you that you haven't won a national championship?"

## DON'T BELIEVE MY EYES

Four things we can't get used to:

1. Johnny Majors in Pittsburgh—and losing at that. But don't think the Panthers won't climb out of the Big East muck soon.

2. Undefeated Auburn. After two years of Dye-induced mediocrity, Terry Bowden's Tigers roar into '94 with an 11-game winning streak.

3. "Bobby, how does it feel to have won a national championship?"

4. Lou Holtz praising a freshman quarterback. He did it in August 1993, before Ron Powlus broke his collarbone. He did it in April 1994, when the redshirted Powlus looked good in non-contact drills. If you can't count on Holtz to berate freshmen, there are no sure things. ♦

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State (at Orlando, Fla.). This game is so big, ABC is trying to get Steven Spielberg to direct it.

•November 19, Southern California at UCLA. When a berth to the Rose Bowl is on the line, like it was a year ago, it's football like it should be.

•November 26, Florida at Florida State. The Seminoles have scored a combined 78 points in their last two games vs. the Gators. That's why Florida has a new defensive coordinator.

## ENDANGERED

Catch the following acts while you can:

1. The Southwest Conference. Of course, if anyone had bothered to see it, it wouldn't be disappearing, would it?

2. The Mobil Cotton Bowl. Now that the game is losing its home team, schools are saying aloud that Dallas is no place to sit outdoors on New Year's Day.

3. Hayden Fry. He's not older than dirt, but they left the hospital the same week. Hard-nosed, vanilla football aficionados will miss him.

4. Artificial turf. Heck, even Tennessee, home to college football's first on-campus rug in 1968, has rediscovered its grass roots.

5. Keith Jackson. Mr. Fuuuumble! is not going anywhere soon, but savor him while you can. He won't be around forever.

## WHO NEEDS A PLAYOFF?

In most instances, the NCAA allows schools to play just 11 regular-season games. One of the arguments against a Division I-A playoff is that it would lengthen the season.

In the face of those obstacles, let's give a round of applause to Fresno State, which



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## THE 1994 TOP COLLEGE 25 FOOTBALL

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### NOTRE DAME

The Fighting Irish lost much of their defense and their passing game from the 11-1 national cham. . . . Sorry, sore subject. Lou Holtz's most important recruit is 40-ish Bob Davie, his best defensive coordinator since Barry Alvarez in 1989. Davie's defense will feature speed and smarts, as it did at Texas A&M. There's one problem, however: The offense is young, too. If freshman quarterback Ron Powlus still can't take a hit, there's no Kevin McDougal waiting for his turn. Then what's there to like? Lee Becton and a bunch of backs, speed at wide receiver and on defense, the incomparable Bobby Taylor at free safety.

**Tailback  
Lee Becton**



DAMIAN STRONCHMEYER



## 2 FLORIDA STATE

The Seminoles have everything back, except Heisman Trophy winner Charlie Ward. Last season's fill-in quarterback, Danny Kanell, will start. Kanell proved himself against Maryland (hey, it counted), but he doesn't have anyone to run under his long ball. Big Deal. He's got Kez McCorvey going over the middle. Big Deal II: With this defense, how good does Kanell have to be? Derrick Brooks and Derrick Alexander lead a super defense. So why won't they repeat? 1. Florida State hasn't won at Miami (Fla.) since 1984. 2. Ward made all the difference.

**Place-kicker**  
**Scott Bentley**



JAMES D. SMITH

## 3 MICHIGAN

The Wolverines had an academic problem last year: They flunked chemistry. With all that talent, Michigan stumbled to a 4-4 start before winning its last four impressively. Injuries, which decimated the '93 team, showed up in the spring. Guard Joe Marinaro blew out a knee. But with tailback Tyrone Wheatley and quarterback Todd Collins on hand, offense isn't a worry. But defense might be. Can the Wolverines stop anyone? The schedule is tough, as Michigan opens against Boston College, goes to Notre Dame the following week and plays host to Colorado two weeks after that.

**Linebacker**  
**Jarrett Irons**



BRUCE L. SCHWARTZMAN

## 4 FLORIDA

Here's what *hasn't* changed at Florida: the offense (everyone who is anyone is back), the kicking game (place-kicker Judd Davis and punter Shayne Edge) and the arrogance (Steve Spurrier). Here's what *has*: the defense. Spurrier stripped Ron Zook of his coordinator duties after seven opponents scored at least 20 points last season. Gone is the 4-4-3 and in its place is the more traditional 4-3, coached by veteran Bobby Pruett. Any improvement on defense could boost the Gators up that last rung. But an even-numbered year means visits to Tennessee and Florida State.

**Quarterback**  
**Danny Wuerffel**



BRUCE L. SCHWARTZMAN

## 5 NEBRASKA

The Cornhuskers have an explosive offense, questions on defense, play one tough non-conference game, one patsy and finish the season against Oklahoma. Sound familiar? Quarterback Tommie Frazier returns, and there's a bevy of I-backs to replace Calvin Jones. Sophomore Lawrence Phillips has dibs on starting. The defense, minus Trev Alberts, has only five starters return—six if you count cornerback Tyrone Williams, suspended in the spring. Did the 'Huskers learn how to win the big game last year? They'll find out against UCLA on September 17.

**Linebacker**  
**Ed Stewart**



JOHN WILLIAMSON

## 6 MIAMI (FLA.)

Any minute now, Miami should score against Arizona. That 29-0 Fiesta Bowl embarrassment circled over Coral Gables like a buzzard all spring. Coach Dennis Erickson made sure of it. If experience means anything, the Hurricanes won't have trouble scoring. But can Frank Costa, Ryan Collins or Chris Walsh (Steve's brother) keep the starting quarterback job? Tackle Warren Sapp leads a front seven that should extend Miami's defensive tradition, despite losing seven starters. A nice schedule includes Washington, Florida State and Virginia Tech—all at home.

**Fullback**  
**James Stewart**

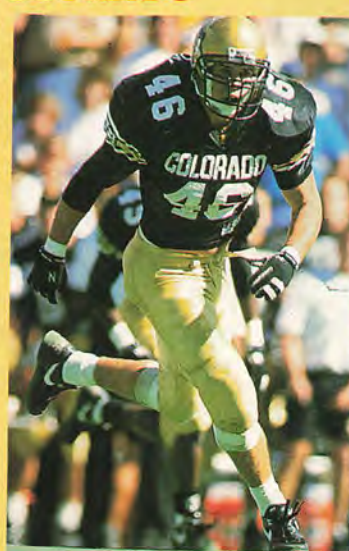


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## 7 COLORADO

The Buffaloes haven't won a Big Eight title in four years or a share of one in three. It has been that long since they've had a defense, too. No, Sherlock, it's not a coincidence. Once again, these Buffs have all the offense—quarterbacks in Kordell Stewart and Koy Detmer, a veteran line and a stud receiver in Michael Westbrook. They'd better score a lot, too. The pass defense stunk last year, and other than cornerback Chris Hudson, the Buffs are rough. Consecutive early games against Wisconsin, at Michigan and at Texas will tell the tale.

**Linebacker**  
**Ted Johnson**



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## PENN STATE

The Nittany Lions showed the Big Ten, huh? Danced right in and finished—third. Penn State may have been a half-year away. In their last five games, the Nittany Lions averaged 35.6 points. Most of the offense returns, led by quarterback Kerry Collins, wideout Bobby Engram and Ki-Jana Carter, who rushed for 1,026 yards on a bad knee. It's healed. Only three defensive starters return, led by linebacker Brian Gelzheiser. Based on one four-week stretch of games (at Michigan, Ohio State, at Indiana, at Illinois), Penn State will earn whatever it gets.

**Wide receiver  
Bobby Engram**



BRUCE L. SCHWARTZMAN

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## ALABAMA

Which parts of quarterback Jay Barker's body remained intact last season? He endured shoulder problems until he blew out a knee against Auburn. The senior may blossom under offensive guru Homer Smith, back for his third tour in Tuscaloosa. Barker better be mobile, the offensive line has only one returnee, guard Jon Stevenson, and David Palmer is gone. The defensive front is young, but the Crimson Tide had enough injuries in '93 that future stars such as end Dameian Jeffries played a lot. With another easy schedule and Auburn at home, the Tide will remain high.

**Quarterback  
Jay Barker**



TOM D'SPACE

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## AUBURN

Coach Terry Bowden will discover the problem with starting on top: There's only one direction to go. But the Tigers just might stay in place. Fifteen starters are back, as is another chippy schedule. Patrick Nix, who came off the bench to beat Alabama, replaces Stan White at quarterback. Junior tailback Stephen Davis gets a chance to live up to his press clippings. Hey, don't sweat a Bowden-coached offense. There are 10 starters back on defense, so what's not to like? Try magic. Auburn had it last season, and it never sticks around two years in a row.

**Tailback  
Stephen Davis**



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## ARIZONA

Arizona should play in its first Rose Bowl ever this year. Name another school that lost an Outland Trophy winner (Rob Waldrop) who might not even have been the best defensive lineman on his team. Meet junior end Tedy Bruschi, who'll chat with two and three blockers on a regular basis, if they're not busy with senior tackle Jim Hoffman. The secondary, featuring free safety Tony Bouie, won't get fooled much. Tailback Chuck Levy left early for the NFL, which means more carries for senior Ontwaun Carter. It won't matter—Arizona won't have to score much.

**Defensive end  
Tedy Bruschi**



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## WISCONSIN

Every cheesehead across the country would like to re-create last season's miracle, but there's one problem: Everything is flip-flopped from a year ago. Instead of back-to-back home games against Michigan and Ohio State, Wisconsin makes back-to-back trips there. Play at SMU early? Try playing at Colorado early. A double-barreled offense returns with tailback Brent Moss and quarterback Darrell Bevell. The Badgers' defense is young, but Barry Alvarez doesn't coach bad defenses. The Badgers could be a better team—but have a poorer record.

**Quarterback  
Darrell Bevell**



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## TENNESSEE

Gee, all the Volunteers lost was Heath Shuler. Missing a little zip, aren't they? Talent exists at quarterback, where senior Jerry Colquitt will handle the duties while hot recruits Peyton Manning and Brannan Stewart prepare. The Vols can pass and they can rush, but can they pass rush? The entire defensive line is new and young, and junior linebacker Ben Talley needs some help. Coach Phillip Fulmer has Tennessee on the brink of greatness. With a grass field at Neyland Stadium for the first time since 1967, who knows? Maybe the Vols will even beat Alabama.

**Linebacker  
Ben Talley**



BOB ROSATO



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## UCLA

It took UCLA three years to recover after quarterback Tommy Maddox left early for the NFL, and now All-America linebacker Jamir Miller and strong safety Marvin Goodwin have chased the big bucks, too. But don't expect the Bruins to hibernate this time. Wayne Cook is the first returning starter at QB since Troy Aikman in '88. Wideout J.J. Stokes can get open in an elevator. While there may be few stars on defense, there's talent. The problem may be the schedule. UCLA plays host to Tennessee and goes to Nebraska before the autumn equinox.

**Quarterback**  
Wayne Cook



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## NORTH CAROLINA

Mack Brown is a hero on Tobacco Road, but just think how big he'd be if someone hadn't gone and invited Florida State to join the ACC. But now that Brown has gotten to the top, he must rebuild. While the offense still has Johnson & Johnson (1,000-yard tailbacks Curtis and Leon), the defense has taken a powder. Eight new starters will follow cornerback Jimmy Hitchcock around as if he is Mrs. Mallard in "Make Way for Ducklings." Quarterback Jason Stanicek needs 890 total yards to break Charlie (Choo Choo) Justice's Tar Heel record.

**Linebacker**  
Kerry Mock



BOB ROSATO

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## TEXAS

John Mackovic weathered two years of mediocrity in Austin for the luxury of having 18 returning starters this season. The fans have been patient, too, or maybe docile (it's hard to tell in quiet Memorial Stadium). Quarterback Shea Morenz has the Southwest Conference's two best receivers (Mike Adams and Lovell Pinkney) and it's a good thing—there are no experienced running backs. Texas' defense, however, needs no patience—end Tony Brackens was All-SWC as a freshman. Since Texas A&M can't go to a bowl, this is the Longhorns' year.

**Quarterback**  
Shea Morenz



JAMES D. SMITH

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## OKLAHOMA

This may be the best of Gary Gibbs' six Sooners teams. Hey, stop that snickering. Eight starters return on offense, including sophomore tailbacks James Allen and Jerald Moore. Former Arizona State recruit Garrick McGee is fighting Terence Brown to replace four-year starter Cale Gundy at quarterback. There's experience at linebacker in senior Tremayne Green and junior Mario Freeman. That experience will be needed early, too, as the Sooners open at Syracuse, go to Texas A&M, then play Texas and travel to Colorado in back-to-back games in midseason.

**Tailback**  
James Allen



BRUCE L. SCHWARTZMAN

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## TEXAS A&amp;M

Both coordinators and seven starting linemen from a 10-2 team are gone. Texas A&M can't go to the Cotton Bowl because of NCAA probation. But the Aggies have won their last 22 SWC games and, with any help, quarterback Corey Pullig will have a breakthrough season. Tailbacks Rodney Thomas and Leeland McElroy, the nation's leading kickoff returner, will flourish. Linebacker Antonio Shorter and cornerback Ray Mickens will extend the Aggie tradition of All-America defensive talent. Games against Oklahoma early and Texas late will tell the tale.

**Linebacker**  
Antonio Shorter



BOB ROSATO

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## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

An end-zone interception prevented Southern Cal from upsetting UCLA and going to the Rose Bowl last season, a result that would have upset everyone but the 8-5 Trojans. John Robinson wants to coach physical USC-style football again. The physical is missing, which is why Robinson locked his defensive linemen in the weight room last January and did not let them out until last week. Quarterback Rob Johnson will duel with Stanford's Steve Stenstrom to be the best in the west, but USC still has no Trojan-style tailback (just one 100-yard game last year).

**Offensive tackle**  
Tony Boselli



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## 20 WASHINGTON

Yes, last season was a mess, starting with Don James' resignation and ending with either two starting quarterbacks or none. But new Coach Jim Lambright handed the job to Damon Huard in the spring and moved Eric Bjornson to wide receiver. Senior tailback Napoleon Kaufman's moves will buy him room and maybe a Heisman if he gets some help up front. Losses on the defensive line will be softened by the return of nose tackle Steve Hoffmann, who was redshirted last year because of a back injury. The Huskies open against four bowl teams.

**Tailback**  
**Napoleon Kaufman**



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## 21 ILLINOIS

Coordinator Greg Landry put an NFL spin on things, all right. The Illini offense played exhibition games for the first month of last season. Once Johnny Johnson developed a feel at quarterback, however, the team came alive. Johnson is quick, but the rest of the offense moves as fast as downstate Illinois on a Saturday night. The defense, Lou Tepper's forte, will be one of the Big Ten's best. Linebackers Dana Howard and John Holecek are nicknamed "Butkus" and "Nitschke" for a reason. The schedule will allow a run at Pasadena, but will the talent?

**Quarterback**  
**Johnny Johnson**



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## 22 CLEMSON

After running off coach Ken Hatfield, the Tigers will spend this season recuperating from self-inflicted wounds. New Coach Tommy West has one of the best defenses in the ACC, with senior linebackers Tim Jones and Wardell Rouse leading the way. No one could win the quarterback job last season, so West brought in junior college transfer Shawn Young. Fullback Emory Smith (Emmitt's brother) is a bull, but there's no one with any experience to line up behind him. If West can find a tailback and a quarterback, that will ease pressure on the defense—and on West.

**Linebacker**  
**Tim Jones**



BOB ROSATO

## 23 OHIO STATE

Little-known fact: The Buckeyes tied for the Big Ten title last year, but their stumble across the finish line took all the fun out of it. Defensive tackle Dan Wilkinson got all the attention in the NFL draft, but Buckeyes Coach John Cooper will tell you that the pros swiped four of his offensive stars, too. Junior quarterback Bob Hoying shared the job last season, but it's his job now. Look for Hoying to stay behind future All-America tackle Korey Stringer, who is the only blocker with experience. Linebackers Lorenzo Styles and Craig Powell lead the defense.

**Flanker**  
**Joey Galloway**



BRUCE L. SCHWARTZMAN

## 24 BRIGHAM YOUNG

John Walsh threw 13 touchdown passes in the first 9½ games of last season, which at BYU is akin to being shut out. But the junior redeemed himself by throwing 15 TDs in the final 10 quarters. With an experienced line, maybe Jamal Willis can rediscover his '92 style (1,004 yards rushing). The defense remains true to its mountain time zone—an hour or two behind the rest of the nation. BYU allowed 476 yards and 37 points per game in '93, so is having eight returning starters good news? Linebacker Travis Hall, however, could play for anyone.

**Halfback**  
**Jamal Willis**



GEORGE FREY

## 25 VIRGINIA TECH

The Hokies' recipe for success includes a senior quarterback and a veteran defense. Quarterback Maurice DeShazo and split end Antonio Freeman set school records for touchdowns last season, DeShazo throwing for 22 and Freeman catching nine. DeShazo finished fifth in the nation in passing efficiency, but it's his ability to move well that he'll need early—at least until the middle of the offensive line matures. Eight starters return from a defense that embarrassed Indiana in the Independence Bowl. The same Hokies are a year older.

**Quarterback**  
**Maurice DeShazo**



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## 1 0 T O W A T C H

### ARIZONA STATE

The Sun Devils have 1995 written all over them. The defense, led by line-backer Justin Dragoo, will keep them in games, but experience is only one level deep. Quarterback Jake Plummer is a comer.

### ARKANSAS

Coach Danny Ford spent last year instilling heart in the Razorbacks, which is how they improved to .500. If Ford finds some offensive linemen, Arkansas may sneak into a bowl for the first time in three years.

### BAYLOR

Is the Bears' defense new or not? Every starter returns, but in a 3-4. The old 4-3 became too predictable. Sophomore quarterback Lamont Moore will learn on the job.

### BOSTON COLLEGE

New Coach Dan Henning has a good offensive line, including glue-handed tight end Pete Mitchell. The defense is back, too. So is kicker/future Gov. David Gordon. If Henning develops a quarterback, the Eagles may survive a tough schedule.

### CALIFORNIA

Dave Barr is a good quarterback, but the Golden Bears' offense is so young no one may find out. Defense, particularly 230-pound linebacker Jerrott Willard, and a soft schedule will take Cal a long way.

### KANSAS

June Henley is a terrific back, and the line he'll be running behind is one of the Big Eight's best. The defensive line must play well for the Jayhawks to go to a bowl.



Virginia's Symmion Willis.

### SYRACUSE

Injuries and dissension made the Orangemen the bust of 1993. Longtime backup quarterback Kevin Mason has tailback Kirby Dar Dar to dart through gaps. Linebacker Dan Conley, after 10 knee surgeries, is back for his sixth season.

### VIRGINIA

Quarterback Symmion Willis can run and throw. The defense is experienced. If George Welsh finds an offensive line—and he has never failed to do so—the Cavaliers will remain near the top of the ACC.

### WEST VIRGINIA

Coach Don Nehlen will have Robert Walker carry the ball and the offense until sophomore quarterback Chad Johnston learns something. Now that linebacker Puppy Wright is stadium-trained, watch out.

### STANFORD

Steve Stenstrom, the latest monster quarterback created by Dr. Frankenstein, has a veteran line and go-to hands in 6-6 senior Justin Armour. But the Cardinal defense is a year away from stopping anybody.

## A W A R D C A N D I D A T E S

### HEISMAN TROPHY

(Top player)

1. Tyrone Wheatley, TB, Michigan.
2. J.J. Stokes, SE, UCLA.
3. Steve Stenstrom, QB, Stanford.
4. Curtis Johnson, TB, North Carolina.
5. Eric Zeier, QB, Georgia.
6. Rob Johnson, QB, Southern California.
7. Brent Moss, TB, Wisconsin.
8. Tommie Frazier, QB, Nebraska.
9. Mike Adams, WR, Texas.
10. Derrick Brooks, LB, Florida State.

### OUTLAND TROPHY

(Top interior lineman)

1. Korey Stringer, OT, Ohio State.
2. Jeff Smith, OG, Tennessee.
3. Tedy Bruschi, DE, Arizona.
4. Cory Raymer, C, Wisconsin.
5. Warren Sapp, DT, Miami (Fla.).
6. Clay Shiver, C, Florida State.
7. Shannon Clavelle, DT, Colorado.
8. Blake Brockmeyer, OT, Texas.
9. Terry Connealy, DT, Nebraska.
10. Ryan Leahy, OT, Notre Dame.

### LOMBARDI TROPHY

(Top lineman/linebacker)

1. Derrick Brooks, LB, Florida State.
2. Korey Stringer, OT, Ohio State.
3. Jerrott Willard, LB, California.
4. Dana Howard, LB, Illinois.
5. Tedy Bruschi, DE, Arizona.
6. Jeff Smith, OG, Tennessee.
7. Cory Raymer, C, Wisconsin.
8. Warren Sapp, DT, Miami (Fla.).
9. Tony Brackens, DL, Texas.
10. Sean Harris, LB, Arizona.



Michigan's Tyrone Wheatley.

### DOAK WALKER AWARD

(Top junior/senior running back)

1. Tyrone Wheatley, Michigan.
2. Curtis Johnson, North Carolina.
3. Brent Moss, Wisconsin.
4. Napoleon Kaufman, Washington.
5. Lee Becton, Notre Dame.
6. Rodney Thomas, Texas A&M.
7. Curtis Martin, Pittsburgh.
8. Rashaan Salaam, Colorado.
9. Ki-Jana Carter, Penn State.
10. Junior Smith, East Carolina.

### DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD

(Top quarterback)

1. Steve Stenstrom, Stanford.
2. Eric Zeier, Georgia.
3. Tommie Frazier, Nebraska.
4. Rob Johnson, Southern California.
5. Darrell Bevell, Wisconsin.
6. Dave Barr, California.
7. Todd Collins, Michigan.
8. Scott Milanovich, Maryland.
9. Jason Stanicek, North Carolina.
10. Chad May, Kansas State.

### BUTKUS AWARD

(Top linebacker)

1. Derrick Brooks, Florida State.
2. Jerrott Willard, California.
3. Dana Howard, Illinois.
4. Sean Harris, Arizona.
5. Lorenzo Styles, Ohio State.
6. Abdul Jackson, Mississippi.
7. Antonio Shorter, Texas A&M.
8. Stephen Boyd, Boston College.
9. Tim Jones, Clemson.
10. Jamal Cox, Georgia Tech.

### JIM THORPE AWARD

(Top defensive back)

1. Bobby Taylor, FS, Notre Dame.
2. Ty Law, CB, Michigan.
3. Chris Hudson, CB, Colorado.
4. Tony Bouie, FS, Arizona.
5. Clifton Abraham, CB, Florida State.
6. Alundis Brice, CB, Mississippi.
7. Orlanda Thomas, FS, Southwestern Louisiana.
8. Craig Newsome, CB, Arizona State.
9. James Walker, FS, North Carolina State.
10. Darrius Johnson, CB, Oklahoma.



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# PITCHIN' PALS

By **LONNIE WHITE**

*Los Angeles Times*

**I**t all starts with a telephone call. One quarterback will call the other for an afternoon of catch. Nothing fancy. Just a day of throw and catch on their old El Toro (Calif.) High School football field.

It's an off-season ritual that these two former prep teammates have had for the last seven years, but it's one that has become more difficult to complete with each passing summer.

That's because Southern California's Rob Johnson and Stanford's Steve Stenstrom are not your ordinary college signal-callers. They are Heisman Trophy candidates and future National Football League first-round draft choices.

"We always call each other to try to hook up," Johnson said. "Although we always want to throw, it's just harder for us to get together now because of our schedules."

Johnson and Stenstrom first became friends when they played together at El Toro High under Rob's father, Bob, in the late 1980s.

It's a competitive friendship that has endured since Rob switched from quarterback to wide receiver so Stenstrom could play quarterback for his senior year in 1989.

"Rob was my go-to guy," said Stenstrom, who is one academic year ahead of Johnson. "He'd played quarterback before moving to wide receiver, so he had a natural sense for how pass routes should be run. We were on the

same wavelength. We threw all summer before that season."

It paid off. El Toro reached the State Southern Section Division III title game and finished with a 12-2 record. Stenstrom completed 117 of 179 passes for 2,175 yards and 25 touchdowns, while Johnson caught 65 passes for 1,260 yards and 12 TDs.

At the time, moving his son to wide receiver was an easy decision for Bob Johnson. After all, Stenstrom was a fine passer and Rob would still have a season remaining to play quarterback.

"Rob had played a little quarterback as a sophomore, but Steve was being recruited to play quarterback, so I moved Rob to receiver for that one year," said Johnson, now an assistant coach at Mission Viejo (Calif.) High School. "Both are similar as quarterbacks, but Rob might be a little more athletic. Rob also played basketball and baseball at El

Toro. Steve's second sport was golf."

On October 15 of this season, the two friends will meet again when Southern Cal travels to Stanford. Aside from a possible Trojans-Cardinal battle for position atop the Pacific-10 Conference, personal bragging rights also will be at stake for the former prep teammates, who will be on opposite sidelines for the last time in their college careers.

"It's a friendly rivalry," Rob Johnson said. "But we are always trying to be better than one another, so we'll always have our little competition."

In their two previous college showdowns, each has notched a victory. Stenstrom completed 23 of 39 passes for 273 yards and one touchdown in Stanford's victory over the Trojans in 1992. Johnson hit on 22 of 35 passes for 349 yards and three touchdowns in USC's win over the Cardinal last year.

This season, Stenstrom is being pushed as Stanford's first Heisman Trophy quarterback candidate since John Elway in 1982. The fifth-year senior became the starter for the Cardinal midway through the 1991 season and is expected to threaten many national passing records this season.

"There is no question that in 1994, Steve Stenstrom has to be considered one of the top quarterbacks in college football," said Stanford Coach Bill Walsh, who has coached a few great quarterbacks. "He is an outstanding candidate for the Heisman Trophy and All-America honors. He has become a precision quarterback who has demonstrated that he can throw a variety of passes, including the long ball. With the support of his team-

## Pac-10 rivals Stenstrom, Johnson still hook up



Now a collegiate opponent, USC quarterback Rob Johnson (left) was a "go-to" receiver for Stanford's Steve Stenstrom when the two were high school teammates. The two are still just a telephone call apart.



mates, I think Steve could very well be the best passer in college football in 1994."

The 6-foot-3, 205-pound Stenstrom, who has started 32 consecutive games, is 21-11 as a starter and is coming off a season in which he broke four school records, tied another and set three league marks as Stanford compiled a 4-7 mark. For the record, Stenstrom completed 300 of 455 passes for 3,627 yards. He earned second-team All-Pac-10 honors for his effort and has gained many admirers among opposing coaches, but his biggest fan may be Walsh.

"I sat down with him (early in the 1993 season) and I told him that he's already ahead of 70 percent of NFL quarterbacks in terms of throwing to alternate receivers," said Walsh, who coached the San Francisco 49ers to three Super Bowl titles. "Only about one-third of NFL quarterbacks can do that effectively."

"Steve has good ability, but he's no (Terry) Bradshaw or (Steve) Young. He's got a lot of rhythm to his motion. His big strength is that he's a real (football) student. He's learned the position step by step."

Now, he's on the verge of breaking many of Elway's career marks.

"It's a great honor because John Elway is a guy I followed when I was growing up," Stenstrom said. "When I got here, I thought that his numbers were insurmountable."

When Stenstrom arrived at Stanford, Dennis Green was the Cardinal's coach. So the young signal-caller had to be dismayed when the coach who recruited him left to become the boss of the Minnesota Vikings. Additionally, the Cardinal's offensive coordinator, Ron Turner, left to take the head job at San Jose State. (He left San Jose State after one season to work as the Chicago Bears' offensive coordinator.) But any worries that Stenstrom had about Green's replacement disappeared when Stanford hired Walsh.

"It was tough to see that coaching staff leave, especially (Turner)," said Stenstrom, who was redshirted as a freshman in 1990. "But when Walsh came, he brought (former San Jose State coach) Terry Shea as the offensive coordinator, and it's worked out well for us."

"Playing for Walsh is great because he is a consummate professional. He looks like a guy who never gets angry, but he does. But in a very professional way. When I screw up, he'll say something like, 'Steve, there was an open man on that play. I can't understand why you can't see that.'"

Stenstrom, a public-policy major who will graduate in December, is expected to be playing in the NFL in 1995. But how high he is drafted may be determined by the type of senior season his former high school teammate enjoys at Southern Cal.

The 6-4, 220-pound Johnson is coming off a record-breaking junior season in which he was an All-Pac-10 selection after establishing 10 conference and school records. He completed 308 of 449 passes for 3,630 yards and 29 touchdowns.

"Johnson has a chance to develop into a great player," Southern California Coach John Robinson said. "Sure, he is a leading

## QUARTERBACKS

Rk.	QUARTERBACKS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Steve Stenstrom	6-3/205	Sr.	Stanford	Challenging John Elway's marks.
2.	Rob Johnson	6-4/220	Sr.	Southern California	Great touch, remarkable accuracy.
3.	Dave Barr	6-4/205	Sr.	California	Some say he's the Pac-10's best.
4.	Eric Zeier	6-2/207	Sr.	Georgia	Carried the Bulldogs' offense by himself in '93.
5.	Todd Collins	6-5/229	Sr.	Michigan	Bright, strong thrower should improve.
6.	Darrell Bevell	6-2/200	Jr.	Wisconsin	This 24-year-old provides strong leadership.
7.	Maurice DeShazo	6-1/197	Sr.	Virginia Tech	One of the great finds of 1993.
8.	Terry Dean	6-2/207	Sr.	Florida	Athletic half of the Gators' QB duo.
9.	Danny Wuerffel	6-2/206	Soph.	Florida	His 22 TD passes were an NCAA freshman mark.
10.	Ron Powlus	6-4/218	Fr.	Notre Dame	Ready to live up to hype.
11.	Scott Milanovich	6-4/220	Jr.	Maryland	Racks up big numbers in Terps' run-and-shoot.
12.	John Walsh	6-4/210	Jr.	Brigham Young	Good arm strength and a fiery temperament.
13.	Chad May	6-2/215	Sr.	Kansas State	Clutch player breaking Lynn Dickey's records.
14.	Jake Plummer	6-2/189	Soph.	Arizona State	"Snake" was 4-2 as a true-freshman starter.
15.	Danny O'Neil	6-2/178	Sr.	Oregon	Dead-eye Duck moves out of shadows.
16.	Mike McCoy	6-3/197	Sr.	Utah	Chasing Scott Mitchell's Ute records.
17.	Danny Kanell	6-4/215	Jr.	Florida State	Was impressive as Charlie Ward's fill-in.
18.	Jay Barker	6-3/210	Sr.	Alabama	Will grow with Homer Smith as offensive coordinator.
19.	Wayne Cook	6-3/205	Sr.	UCLA	Only three interceptions in '93.
20.	Steve Taneyhill	6-3/205	Jr.	South Carolina	Sophomore jinx, like his hair, behind him.

Rk.	ALL-PURPOSE	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Tommie Frazier	6-2/200	Jr.	Nebraska	Great athlete doesn't make mistakes.
2.	Jason Stanicek	6-2/195	Sr.	North Carolina	Good leader operates fluidly.
3.	Stoney Case	6-3/196	Sr.	New Mexico	Pros like this tough, all-around Lobo.
4.	Kordell Stewart	6-3/210	Sr.	Colorado	He's improved, now must hold off Koy Detmer.
5.	Johnny Johnson	6-1/213	Jr.	Illinois	The Illini respond to his command.
6.	Anthony Hill	5-11/193	Sr.	Colorado State	Very athletic and expected to get better.
7.	Pookie Jones	6-1/196	Sr.	Kentucky	Passing improved for this two-sport star.
8.	Ramon Flanigan	6-1/170	Soph.	Southern Methodist	Great option runner was slowed by mono.
9.	Ray Lucas	6-3/200	Jr.	Rutgers	He's as dangerous running as passing.
10.	Rick Roper	5-10/180	Sr.	Army	Option QB hit nearly 60 percent of his passes in '93.

candidate for the Heisman. But more important to our team, he can be the total quarterback by providing the winning edge that great players in that position can provide. His accuracy is phenomenal and his interception rate (1.23 percent in '93, a Pac-10 record) is amazing. If he can maintain those skills and improve his play, we're looking at a special player."

Johnson arrived at Southern Cal as a talented two-sport athlete. A righthanded pitcher, he was selected in the 16th round of the 1991 major league baseball draft by the Minnesota Twins, who offered him a package worth \$150,000. But he declined the offer and accepted a football scholarship to Southern Cal, where he decided he would wait his turn on the Trojans' quarterback depth chart as a freshman. His opportunity came faster, however, than he had expected.

When Todd Marinovich gave up his final two years of eligibility to enter the 1991 NFL draft and his replacement, Reggie Perry, proved to be ineffective, Johnson was called to duty.

Johnson played in three games late in the season, completing 19 of 36 passes for 225 yards and two touchdowns. He became the first true freshman to start at quarterback for the Trojans in the post-World War II era when he got the nod against Arizona.

As a sophomore, Johnson beat Perry for the starting job and proceeded to earn All-Pac-10 honorable mention after completing 163 of 285 passes for 2,118 yards and 12 TDs. The only downer was his total of 14 interceptions, including three in a loss to Stanford.

"It was the worst game I've ever had," said Johnson, who is majoring in public administration. "I'd never thrown three interceptions in one game."

Johnson's sophomore season ended on a bad note when he quarterbacked a loss to Fresno State in the Freedom Bowl. It was a setback that ignited the firing of coach Larry Smith and the return of Robinson, who had coached Southern Cal from 1976-82 before becoming coach of the Los Angeles Rams (1983-91).

Under Robinson, who was known more for his running backs than quarterbacks, Johnson flourished last season, setting nine school records and one Pac-10 mark. The Trojans finished 8-5 and tied for the Pac-10 title. Southern Cal didn't get a bid to the Rose Bowl (the Trojans' season-ending loss to UCLA cost them the bid), but USC did advance to the Freedom Bowl, where the Trojans defeated Utah. As the 1994 season approaches, Johnson believes Southern Cal is headed for bigger things.

"This program is coming back and I want to be a part of it," said Johnson, whose older brother, Bret, was a quarterback at UCLA (1988-89) and Michigan State (1991-92). "In fact, I told my dad I wished I'd redshirted my first year so I could have two more years left instead of one."

Johnson, who is second on Southern Cal's career passing list behind Rodney Peete, wants to finish his college career with a Rose Bowl ring and then move on to the NFL with Stenstrom. And who knows, maybe they will find time to continue to work out together in the off-season. ♦



### Rutgers' foes getting struck by 'Lightning'

By BILL DOHERTY

Free-lance writer

Rutgers Coach Doug Graber still remembers the astonishment he felt two years ago when "Lightning" struck the Scarlet Knights' practice field.

At the time, Rutgers' offensive scout team was running plays against the Scarlet Knights' first-team defense. And then, suddenly, Graber saw a quick flash.

Graber didn't panic. He thought his eyes might be playing tricks on him, so he didn't stop practice. In fact, he didn't say anything about the blur to his assistant coaches until weeks later.

"I'll never forget that burst," Graber said. "Terrell Willis, who we call 'Lightning' around here, was redshirting and playing on our scout team at the time. He took a handoff, started inside and then broke the run outside. No one could catch him."

Indeed, the Orange, N.J., native was hard to catch in 1993, when he won numerous freshman-of-the-year honors and became Rutgers' first 1,000-yard rusher since 1975.

The many postseason awards—Willis became the first freshman to earn All-Big East Conference honors—were well-deserved. The 6-foot, 200-pound Willis rushed for a league-leading 1,261 yards, piled up 704 yards in kickoff returns and also picked up another 61 yards receiving. Add it all up and Willis totaled 2,206 all-purpose yards, shattering the NCAA freshman mark of 1,805 set in 1980 by Georgia's Herschel Walker.

"I was definitely surprised by what happened last year," said Willis, who picked Rutgers over Syracuse, Iowa, UCLA and Penn State. "I went into last season just hoping to contribute and, with the help of my teammates, I was fortunate enough to put up some great numbers."

Willis' first order of business for 1994 is not to win the Heisman Trophy. It's to win a starting job. After all, Willis actually was No. 2 on the depth chart for 4-7 Rutgers last season, playing behind Bruce Presley. Nicknamed "Thunder," the 5-10, 215-pound Presley has rushed for 1,558 yards in his first two seasons. As a sophomore last year, Presley suffered a series of injuries, which opened the door for Willis.

Willis, for one, thinks "Thunder" and "Lightning" can be a deadly combination for the Scarlet Knights this fall.

"There's been talk about us playing together some this season," Willis said. "But Coach Graber prefers the one-back attack. There's no problem. Bruce and I are friends, and there are enough carries to go around for us both to do some damage." ♦



MITCHELL LAYTON

Terrell Willis, "just hoping to contribute," was a bolt out of the blue for the Scarlet Knights last year, gaining 2,206 all-purpose yards and breaking Herschel Walker's NCAA freshman mark in the process.

## RUNNING BACKS

Rk.	HALFBACKS/TAILBACKS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Tyrone Wheatley	6-1/226	Sr.	Michigan	Best of a deep, impressive class.
2.	Curtis Johnson	5-10/208	Jr.	North Carolina	Powerful half of Johnson & Johnson duo.
3.	Brent Moss	5-9/205	Sr.	Wisconsin	"Alleycat" has run for over 100 yards in 11 straight games.
4.	Napoleon Kaufman	5-9/185	Sr.	Washington	Greyhound of the group.
5.	Leeland McElroy	5-11/200	Soph.	Texas A&M	Phenomenal freshman year for deep Aggies.
6.	Warrick Dunn	5-9/178	Soph.	Florida State	New featured back in Seminoles' attack.
7.	Leon Johnson	6-1/210	Soph.	North Carolina	Versatile half of the Talcum Twins.
8.	Curtis Martin	6-0/200	Sr.	Pittsburgh	Slasher was a one-man team for Panthers.
9.	Rodney Thomas	5-11/203	Sr.	Texas A&M	Bulldozer is adored by the pros.
10.	Rashaan Salaam	6-1/210	Jr.	Colorado	Powerful, quick north-south runner.
11.	Ki-Jana Carter	5-10/212	Jr.	Penn State	Best Nittany Lion since Blair Thomas.
12.	Terrell Willis	6-0/200	Soph.	Rutgers	Broke a slew of school records in '93.
13.	Lee Becton	6-0/191	Sr.	Notre Dame	Only fifth Irish back over 1,000 yards.
14.	Brandon Bennett	6-0/205	Sr.	South Carolina	Has led Gamecocks in rushing last three years.
15.	Robert Walker	5-10/196	Jr.	West Virginia	Nothing fancy, he just gets the job done.
16.	Junior Smith	5-6/174	Sr.	East Carolina	Size no handicap for versatile Pirate.
17.	June Henley	5-11/190	Soph.	Kansas	Jitterbug set Big Eight freshman rushing record.
18.	James Allen	6-1/205	Soph.	Oklahoma	Great 1-2 punch with Collier.
19.	Terrell Fletcher	5-9/195	Sr.	Wisconsin	Great speed complement to Moss.
20.	Stephen Davis	6-2/222	Jr.	Auburn	Should easily replace James Bostic.

Rk.	FULLBACKS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Mike Alstott	6-0/236	Jr.	Purdue	Tackle-breaking runner a natural fullback.
2.	Ty Douthard	6-1/197	Soph.	Illinois	T.D. is a threat running, catching.
3.	Ray Zellars	5-11/221	Sr.	Notre Dame	Lead man in crunching Irish attack.
4.	Akili King	5-10/220	Jr.	Army	Cadets give him the royal treatment.
5.	Emory Smith	6-0/238	Soph.	Clemson	Emmitt's brother had a great Peach Bowl.
6.	Charles Way	6-2/238	Sr.	Virginia	A powerful, high-flying load.
7.	Cory Schlesinger	6-0/225	Sr.	Nebraska	Like an extra lineman.
8.	Jim Freeman	6-0/230	Sr.	West Virginia	Blocks for Walker, protected Jake Kelchner.
9.	Terry Collier	6-0/225	Jr.	Oklahoma	A strong runner and a power blocker.
10.	Clarence Williams	6-1/266	Soph.	Florida State	"Pooh Bear" will share time with Zack Crockett.



# Adams' receiving act is catching on at Texas

By KIRK BOHLS

Austin American-Statesman

**T**alk of 1,000-yard seasons isn't uncommon at Texas. In fact, the Longhorns have had a runner attain the 1,000-yard mark nine times in a single season. But no Texas receiver has ever achieved that milestone. Mike Adams wants to change that.

Oh, the 6-foot-1, 180-pound junior can carry the ball and would like to carry it more. But Adams is a legitimate, bona fide, Velcro-fingered wide receiver. The speedy, sure-handed Adams had 52 catches in 1993, just three shy of Johnny Walker's school record.

Just what in the name of Earl Campbell is going on in Austin?

Not only did Adams set Texas single-season records for 100-yard games (six), consecutive 100-yard games (four) and yards (908) last year, but fellow Longhorn wideout Lovell Pinkney had three games in which he topped the century mark in yards. On the ground, meanwhile, Phil Brown had the team's only two 100-yard rushing efforts.

Adams wants to accomplish a few things in 1994, not the least of which is to record 1,000 receiving yards, catch 70-80 passes and perhaps become the school's first All-America wideout since Johnny (Lam) Jones in 1979.

To earn All-America honors, Adams knows he'll have to beat out the likes of UCLA's J.J. Stokes and Colorado's Michael Westbrook. But Adams thinks he's on a par with them.

"I'd like to rate myself up with them," said Adams, who considers Raghib (Rocket) Ismail as his role model and is a dangerous kick returner like the former Notre Dame star. "I feel I have as much talent as they do, given the chance to do it. I would like to lead the nation (in receptions). It's possible, but it's probably a long shot."

So is winning the Heisman Trophy, but Adams dreams of that as well. Adams, understand, is a man in a hurry, which isn't all that surprising considering his 4.31 time in the 40-yard dash. But his impatience has landed him in trouble on occasion and gotten him labeled a brat on local talk shows.

After he spouted off following Texas' 41-10 loss at Louisville last year in which he had one reception, Adams received more than he bargained for. He wasn't so much misunderstood as he was misused. Or, at the very least, underused.

"I didn't mean to come across as people thought I did," said Adams, whose 1,854 all-purpose yards in '93 were the third-most in school history. "I just felt I could help this team, and I wasn't getting the chance to catch passes. I would say I'm not at my peak yet. A thousand yards is one of my goals, and I want to return two or three punts for touchdowns and the same on kickoff returns.

"And I wouldn't mind getting in the backfield some. I think I can hit the corner on sweeps."

Spoken like a true Longhorn. ♦



Once Mike Adams gets his Velcro-covered fingers on the ball, the Longhorns' wideout knows what to do with it—as his 908 yards in receptions and six 100-yard games last year would attest.

## RECEIVERS

Rk.	RECEIVERS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	J.J. Stokes	6-4/214	Sr.	UCLA	Touchdown-maker uses hands, size brilliantly.
2.	Mike Adams	6-1/180	Jr.	Texas	Longhorns' game-breaker is a speed demon.
3.	Joey Galloway	5-10/175	Sr.	Ohio State	One TD every four catches in '93.
4.	Jack Jackson	5-9/171	Jr.	Florida	David Palmer-like receiver ready to blossom.
5.	Eddie Goines	6-0/185	Sr.	North Carolina State	Moving in on Haywood Jeffries' marks.
6.	Kez McCorvey	6-0/185	Sr.	Florida State	Shouldn't fall off without Charlie Ward.
7.	Michael Westbrook	6-4/210	Sr.	Colorado	Michael Irvin-like WR has improved blocking.
8.	Lee DeRamus	6-2/200	Sr.	Wisconsin	On the brink of breaking Al Toon's marks.
9.	Bobby Engram	5-10/185	Jr.	Penn State	Does great things after the catch.
10.	Lovell Pinkney	6-5/234	Jr.	Texas	Big target also has good speed.
11.	Antonio Freeman	6-1/195	Sr.	Virginia Tech	Hokie deep threat should get more chances.
12.	Kevin Lockett	6-0/165	Soph.	Kansas State	Hands, leaping ability are magnificent.
13.	Jermaine Lewis	5-9/170	Jr.	Maryland	Terps' deep man could double his numbers.
14.	David Dunn	6-3/210	Sr.	Fresno State	Forms dynamic duo with Charlie Jones.
15.	Justin Armour	6-6/215	Sr.	Stanford	Not flashy, just makes big catches.
16.	Frank Sanders	6-2/200	Sr.	Auburn	Probation hurt his national profile.
17.	Chris T. Jones	6-4/210	Sr.	Miami (Fla.)	Big man is fearless over the middle.
18.	Marvin Harrison	6-0/174	Jr.	Syracuse	Should race from Shelby Hill's shadow.
19.	Brice Hunter	6-0/197	Jr.	Georgia	Zeiler's favorite target.
20.	Amani Toomer	6-3/182	Jr.	Michigan	Heart of deep Wolverine fleet.

Rk.	TIGHT ENDS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Mark Bruener	6-5/240	Sr.	Washington	The pros can't wait for this Husky.
2.	Pete Mitchell	6-2/238	Sr.	Boston College	May be the best receiver in the nation.
3.	Christian Fauria	6-4/235	Sr.	Colorado	Dedicated performer blocks and catches big.
4.	Michael Roan	6-4/245	Sr.	Wisconsin	Over half of '93 catches produced first downs.
5.	Henry Lusk	6-2/220	Sr.	Utah	Utes move him around to use his skills.
6.	Kyle Brady	6-6/260	Sr.	Penn State	In another system, he'd see the ball more.
7.	Brian Collins	6-5/220	Jr.	Texas Christian	Favorite Frog pass target.
8.	Jamie Asher	6-4/233	Sr.	Louisville	Cardinal hopes to continue surprising play.
9.	Kevin Hickman	6-5/249	Sr.	Navy	Developed nicely in Midshipman aerial attack.
10.	Oscar McBride	6-5/258	Sr.	Notre Dame	Following in footsteps of highly regarded Irish tight ends.



### Irish eyes still smiling on Leahy

By **BARRY CRONIN**

*Chicago Sun-Times*

**O**n an otherwise beautiful day in Northern California last October, Notre Dame's Ryan Leahy sat on the bench at Stanford Stadium in pain.

Not even a 48-20 victory over the Cardinal could ease the discomfort that the 285-pounder felt in the knee he had injured.

"I was pretty much demolished at that point," said the red-haired Leahy, who started at guard for the Fighting Irish last season but will switch to tackle in 1994. "Really feeling down."

Then, one of those things happened that can only happen to a Notre Dame football player who also happens to be the grandson of the legendary Frank Leahy, who coached the Irish to five national championships during his tenure (1941-43, 1946-53). If Ryan Leahy's life were a Dickens story, you might have called it an appearance by the "Ghost of Football Seasons Past."

"I'm sitting there and all of a sudden I feel somebody's hand grab my head," Leahy recalled. "And a guy with this big old smile says, 'Hi, I'm Johnny Lattner.'"

It might just as well have been the hand of the Frank Leahy, who died when Ryan was one year old.

Lattner, who won the 1953 Heisman Trophy with Frank Leahy as coach, was at the game and wanted to offer moral support. Irish writers and storytellers talk a lot about spirits, but, as it turns out, Irish football players, young and old, believe in them, too.

"I kind of got a little warm in my heart, and I smiled at him and said, 'You don't have to tell me who you are,'" Ryan recalled. "I know who you are. I've seen you a million times (in pictures) at home."

Leahy missed the next four games, but he returned for that unforgettable matchup between No. 1 Florida State and No. 2 Notre Dame last November. On that day, Leahy and his offensive-line buddies steamrolled the Seminole defense and keyed Notre Dame's 31-24 victory.

This year, Leahy's teammates voted him one of four co-captains, so nothing could mean more to the senior from Yakima, Wash., who grew up singing Notre Dame's fight song at his grandmother's knee.

"As far as being a Leahy or coming to Notre Dame, I think being named a captain is the greatest honor I've had because it's voted on by your teammates," said Leahy, whose father, Jim, was a reserve guard for Ara Parseghian's 1968 Irish squad. "I think it shows they think you can play, they know you work hard. That's what I try to do, just go out there and bust my ass." ♦



Many years after singing the Notre Dame fight song at the knee of his grandmother (Mrs. Frank Leahy), Fighting Irish co-captain Ryan Leahy finds that others—including his teammates—are singing his praises.

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## OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Rk.	CENTERS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Cory Rayment	6-4/290	Sr.	Wisconsin	Evokes memories of ex-Badger Mike Webster.
2.	Clay Shiver	6-2/275	Jr.	Florida State	Tough ringleader of Seminoles' quality line.
3.	Bryan Stollenberg	6-2/260	Jr.	Colorado	Two-year starter didn't allow a sack in '93.
4.	Michael Cheever	6-4/281	Jr.	Georgia Tech	Just a shade behind Shiver in ACC.
5.	Johnny Feinga	6-1/315	Sr.	Oregon State	Center of Beavers' improving wishbone.
6.	Dan Neil	6-2/280	Soph.	Texas	Classic small-but-feisty collegiate center.
7.	Mark Birchmeier	6-3/275	Sr.	Michigan State	Has overcome major knee problems.
8.	Bubba Miller	6-1/285	Jr.	Tennessee	Makes the Big Orange 'O' go.
9.	Jon Stevenson	6-3/275	Sr.	Alabama	Versatile, heady sort shows toughness.
10.	Lance Scott	6-3/268	Sr.	Utah	Versatile Ute graded out at 92 percent in '93.

Rk.	GUARDS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Jeff Smith	6-3/310	Jr.	Tennessee	The SEC's best. Enough said.
2.	Joe Rudolph	6-2/285	Sr.	Wisconsin	Pulling guard for Moss and Fletcher.
3.	Patrick McNeil	6-3/280	Sr.	Florida State	Quick, aggressive part of Seminoles' fleet.
4.	Tirrell Greene	6-3/300	Sr.	Miami (Fla.)	Power run-blocker also is a leader.
5.	John Jones	6-1/285	Sr.	Kansas	Half of a solid 1-2 Jayhawk guard punch.
6.	Jon Runyan	6-8/293	Soph.	Michigan	He and teammate Joe Marinaro keep their guard up.
7.	Jeff Hartings	6-3/275	Jr.	Penn State	Solid technician paces Lions' line.
8.	Warner Smith	6-3/290	Sr.	Arizona	Compact, powerful and intense.
9.	Brian Bravy	6-5/327	Sr.	Georgia Tech	Solid performer leads Tech running game.
10.	Hessley Hempstead	6-1/295	Sr.	Kansas	Helped Jayhawks average 213.9 rushing yards in 1993.

Rk.	TACKLES	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Korey Stringer	6-6/310	Jr.	Ohio State	A man among children.
2.	Blake Brockermeyer	6-5/286	Jr.	Texas	An awesome sight leading the Longhorns' sweep.
3.	Zach Wiegert	6-5/300	Sr.	Nebraska	Crunches people as a run-blocker.
4.	Tony Berti	6-6/270	Sr.	Colorado	Lightning-quick, penalized only once in '93.
5.	Tony Boselli	6-8/305	Sr.	Southern California	Best Pac-10 lineman despite '93 injury.
6.	Jason Odom	6-5/297	Jr.	Florida	Consistent force is now Gators' top lineman.
7.	Steve Ingram	6-5/300	Sr.	Maryland	Excellent blocker for run or pass.
8.	Jonathan Ogden	6-8/315	Jr.	UCLA	The one to watch in 1995.
9.	Reggie Green	6-6/298	Jr.	Florida	Great talent, just needs to use it consistently.
10.	Ryan Leahy	6-4/285	Sr.	Notre Dame	Grandson of Irish legend Frank Leahy.



# Stardom is beckoning Carter, if he stays focused

By **DAVID H. CARROLL**

Free-lance writer

**F**or three seasons, Florida defensive end Kevin Carter has shown glimpses of greatness.

At his best, Carter has been a dominant force on the line, tossing blockers aside like pillows while stuffing runners and harassing quarterbacks.

But just as often, Carter has suffered mental lapses. This inconsistency has kept him from fulfilling the enormous potential lurking within his enormous body.

"In the past, I've had a problem with turning it on and getting and staying focused," Carter said. "I think that was because my mind would drift or I wouldn't get fired up or mad enough to play."

"At times I found myself thinking about stupid stuff. I'd be thinking about my chemistry homework or my bank account in the middle of a game. My mind would be on the game, but every play when I'd come off the ball, I wasn't intending to inflict pain on my opponents."

But Carter has worked hard on changing that.

"I've learned that it's like turning on a switch, literally," said Carter, who last year was one of 11 players named to the College Football Association's Good Works Team for his involvement in the community. "I have to treat off the field as off the field and once I put on the pads and buckle my helmet, I have to become a whole different person. Totally focused and intense."

Carter's lack of intensity can be attributed to the fact he didn't play organized football until a relatively late age. As a freshman at Lincoln High School in Tallahassee, Fla., Carter was cut from the team and ended up playing the saxophone in the marching band. "I was short and round, only about 5-foot-7 that year," Carter remembered.

Then the growth spurt hit. By the end of his sophomore year, Carter was 6-3 and playing on the junior varsity. By his junior year, he was 6-4 and wreaking havoc at inside linebacker. As he entered his senior season, he was a prep All-America linebacker. He has continued to grow since arriving as the top signee in the Gators' 1991 recruiting class. Since then, he has gained 40 pounds and grown two inches, giving him a body that has first-round National Football League draft pick written all over it.

"If Kevin plays like he looks, he's going to be a millionaire," Florida defensive coordinator Ron Zook said.

The 6-6, 265-pound Carter looked good in 1993, when he made 59 tackles, forced three fumbles and recorded 6½ sacks for a team that won the Sugar Bowl, finished 11-2 and ranked fourth in The Sporting News' final poll.

This year, Carter expects to have a monster senior season for a team that should contend for both the SEC and national titles. ♦



BRUCE L. SCHWARTZMAN

Florida's Kevin Carter is one Gator who needs to sink his teeth into the game—particularly in terms of exhibiting intensity and staying focused. "I have to become a whole different person," he says.

## DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Rk.	TACKLES/NOSEMEN	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Warren Sapp (T)	6-3/300	Jr.	Miami (Fla.)	Yet another gifted Hurricane tackle.
2.	Shannon Clavelle (T)	6-4/270	Jr.	Colorado	Great at getting off blocks.
3.	Terry Connealy (T)	6-5/275	Sr.	Nebraska	Big load in the middle of Cornhuskers' defense.
4.	Michael Tobias (T)	6-3/275	Sr.	So. Mississippi	Big-play man is always around ball.
5.	Kerry Hicks (NG)	6-6/260	Jr.	Colorado	Workaholic is super tackle to tackle.
6.	Marcus Jones (T)	6-6/260	Jr.	North Carolina	Explosive player should fully blossom.
7.	Mike Thompson (T)	6-4/275	Sr.	Wisconsin	Has 43 career tackles for losses.
8.	Mikki Johnson (NG)	6-2/273	Jr.	Illinois	A typically compact, effective Illini noseguard.
9.	Royal West (T)	6-3/280	Sr.	Texas Christian	This Frog can jump into the backfield.
10.	Ellis Johnson (T)	6-3/283	Sr.	Florida	Big-play specialist on solid line.
11.	Chad Eaton (T)	6-5/272	Sr.	Washington State	Gives Cougars' defense bite.
12.	Elverett Brown (T)	6-5/266	Sr.	Alabama	Comparable to ex-teammate James Gregory.
13.	Pat Riley (T)	6-6/240	Sr.	Miami (Fla.)	May finally get his chance to shine.
14.	Mark Krichbaum (T)	6-6/276	Sr.	Virginia	Solid, smart inside player.
15.	Carl Reeves (T)	6-4/219	Sr.	North Carolina St.	Bouncing back from broken leg.
16.	David Turnipseed (T)	6-4/257	Sr.	South Carolina	Was having good season before finger injury.
17.	Jim Hoffman (T)	6-4/275	Sr.	Arizona	Unsung member of Wildcats' defense.
18.	Steve Hodge (T)	6-2/262	Sr.	Colorado State	Star lineman on WAC's best defense.
19.	Cedric Jones (T)	6-4/249	Jr.	Oklahoma	Intense inside player.
20.	Tim Colston (T)	6-1/255	Jr.	Kansas State	Teams with Darrell Harbert on Wildcats' solid line.

Rk.	ENDS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Derrick Alexander	6-5/282	Jr.	Florida State	Big-play specialist uses his hands well.
2.	Tedy Bruschi	6-1/255	Jr.	Arizona	Disruptive force on oppressive Wildcat defense.
3.	DeWayne Patterson	6-1/257	Sr.	Washington State	Cougars' all-time sack leader.
4.	Mike Frederick	6-6/265	Sr.	Virginia	A Chris Slade-like terror.
5.	Tony Brackens	6-4/227	Soph.	Texas	Must adapt to Longhorns' new 3-4 set.
6.	Kevin Carter	6-6/265	Sr.	Florida	Active leader of good Gator line.
7.	Brian Hamilton	6-3/276	Sr.	Notre Dame	Steady run supporter and leader.
8.	Regan Upshaw	6-4/240	Soph.	California	Great speed, extremely intense.
9.	Juan Hammonds	6-3/241	Sr.	Michigan State	Long arm of Spartan defensive law.
10.	Luther Elliss	6-5/257	Sr.	Utah	Always faces double-teams.



### Few have seen anything like Miami's 'Rat'

By DAVID H. CARROLL

Free-lance writer

**M**iami (Fla.) linebacker Rohan Marley is a piece of work, mon.

What Marley lacks in God-given ability he makes up for in sheer, explosive fury. Just ask his teammates, who call the 5-foot-8, 205-pound Marley "Rat" because of the menacing way he scurries around the field making tackles.

"Too small, too small, they always said I was too small to play linebacker. But I am showing them," said Marley, who was an All-Big East selection last year after leading the Hurricanes with 95 tackles. "They can measure my height, but they can't measure what's inside my heart."

Miami Coach Dennis Erickson knows Marley is for real. "Rohan might not be that big, but he has great quickness, speed and explosion in going to the ball," he said. "And he has no fear. He gives 120 percent all the time. You don't find many guys like him around."

Marley said that comes from his family pride. He's the son of Bob Marley, the reggae music legend who died in 1981. He didn't inherit his famous father's voice; Rohan's half brother, Ziggy, a rising reggae star, got that. But he did get his dad's competitiveness and fiery temperament.

"Whatever I do, I have to do to the best of my ability because that's what being a Marley is about," the junior standout said. "My dad made it his way, and now it's my turn. I want to follow in his footsteps, not in music but in trying to be on top like he was. The only music I want to make is on the football field, leather against leather."

Like his father, Rohan was a handful growing up. Three years after his father's death, Rohan had gotten so out of control that he was sent to Miami from his native Jamaica to live with his grandmother.

There, he was introduced to football by an uncle and developed into a star linebacker at Palmetto High School. Miami, however, was one of the few schools that recruited him.

These days, the Hurricane from the Caribbean is married to his high school sweetheart, Geraldine, and has a baby girl, Eden. Though rapidly becoming Americanized, Marley remains 100 percent pure Jamaican and true to his roots. He listens to his father's music every day and wears a tattered, yellow Bob Marley T-shirt beneath his pads on game days. He is a devoted Rastafarian, although he has given up the sacred ganja smoking that many Rastafarians believe helps them gain higher knowledge.

"You mark my words," Marley predicted. "Before I'm through playing football at UM, people are going to say, 'Mon, that Rohan Marley, I've never seen nothing like him.' " ♦



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Rohan Marley didn't inherit his father's voice, but he did get his dad's competitiveness and fiery temperament. The Hurricanes' leaping, scurrying linebacker puts those traits to good use on the field.

## LINEBACKERS

Rk.	INSIDE	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Jerrold Willard	6-2/230	Sr.	California	Sideline-to-sideline intensity.
2.	Dana Howard	6-0/239	Sr.	Illinois	Has had three-straight 100-tackle seasons.
3.	Lorenzo Styles	6-2/245	Jr.	Ohio State	Buckeye surprise had a phenomenal '93.
4.	Abdul Jackson	6-1/240	Sr.	Mississippi	Flamboyant Rebel a consistent tackler.
5.	Sean Harris	6-3/235	Sr.	Arizona	Inside/outside leader of great run defense.
6.	Stephen Boyd	6-1/235	Sr.	Boston College	Fierce leader averaged 16 tackles in '93.
7.	Tim Jones	6-1/230	Sr.	Clemson	He has the eye of the Tiger.
8.	Jamal Cox	6-3/230	Sr.	Georgia Tech	Key player in stout wrecking crew.
9.	Randall Godfrey	6-3/226	Jr.	Georgia	Gives Bulldogs defensive speed, intensity.
10.	John Holecsek	6-2/228	Sr.	Illinois	Emerging from Howard's shadow.
11.	Brian Gelzheiser	6-1/235	Sr.	Penn State	Latest product from Linebacker U.
12.	Ken Brown	6-2/233	Sr.	Virginia Tech	Great speed, greater instincts.
13.	Damien Covington	6-1/228	Sr.	North Carolina St.	Latest Wolfpack speed star.
14.	Steve Morrison	6-3/238	Sr.	Michigan	Though injury-plagued, he's still a leader.
15.	Tom Tumulty	6-4/240	Jr.	Pittsburgh	One-man gang for overworked Panther "D."
16.	Dan Conley	6-2/248	Sr.	Syracuse	Battling back from yet another knee injury.
17.	Ed Stewart	6-1/215	Sr.	Nebraska	Leader of underrated 'Husker defense.
18.	Justin Goheen	6-2/228	Sr.	Notre Dame	Dependable middle man of Irish defense.

Rk.	OUTSIDE	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Derrick Brooks	6-1/220	Sr.	Florida State	Can take over a game.
2.	Simeon Rice	6-4/243	Jr.	Illinois	Pass-rush specialist of great Illini unit.
3.	Antonio Shorter	6-4/215	Sr.	Texas A&M	Lean, mean Aggie.
4.	Mike Mamula	6-5/242	Jr.	Boston College	Designated rusher also is versatile.
5.	Matt Dyson	6-5/256	Sr.	Michigan	Courage to match his talent.
6.	Donnie Edwards	6-3/220	Jr.	UCLA	Should step out of Jamir Miller's shadow.
7.	Ben Talley	6-3/239	Sr.	Tennessee	Big-play man on Vols' defense.
8.	Wardell Rouse	6-2/222	Sr.	Clemson	Both aggressive and quick.
9.	Lance Johnstone	6-3/242	Jr.	Temple	Fills several roles for outmanned Owls.
10.	Matt Taffoni	6-1/220	Sr.	West Virginia	Plays well beyond his size.
11.	Rohan Marley	5-8/205	Jr.	Miami (Fla.)	"Rat" has no fear.
12.	Perrell Gaskins	6-1/215	Jr.	Kansas State	Tremendous leaper with speed.



# Miles lives to go one-on-one with best in nation

By **LEE BARFKNECHT**

Omaha World-Herald

**N**ebraska's Barron Miles smiles as he unzips his jacket and reveals a T-shirt that displays a phrase he lives by: "Only the special ones can defend one on one."

"As far as I'm concerned, this says it all," said the senior from Roselle, N.J. "You've got to be your own person to be a cornerback."

"You have to realize you're going to get beat once in a while. But when you make the plays that really count, not many people can say anything to you because they can't go out on that island and do what I just did."

Miles got stranded alone last season covering some of the nation's best receivers. The results were good enough for the former walk-on to earn All-Big Eight honors from the conference coaches.

Though giving away eight inches and 54 pounds to UCLA's J.J. Stokes, the 5-foot-8, 160-pound Miles limited the consensus All-America to six catches for 65 yards and no touchdowns in an encounter early last year.

Against Colorado, Miles intercepted a pass while helping hold Buffaloes standout Charles Johnson to four catches for 65 yards and no touchdowns.

Then, in the Orange Bowl, Miles shadowed Florida State's Kez McCorvey well enough to limit the No. 3 career-receptions leader in Seminole annals to five catches for 70 yards and no TDs.

"I live to play in games against guys like Stokes or McCorvey, especially on TV," Miles said. "If you do the job, people say, 'Look at him. He's only 5-8 and he's sticking J.J. Stokes.'"

"Things like that make me proud of what I did last year."

Miles' contributions to Nebraska's bid for a national title last year weren't limited to his five pass breakups and 50 tackles. He blocked a punt so cleanly at Oklahoma State that he smothered it off the kicker's foot in the end zone for a touchdown.

Miles, who blocked two other kicks, also returned punts and kickoffs in the first half of 1993. And he practiced as the No. 2 punter.

"Special teams keep me motivated," Miles said. "If I have a good play on special teams, it gets me more pumped up to play my normal position."

A rematch with Florida State in the 1995 Orange Bowl would really pump up Miles. The Seminoles edged the Cornhuskers, 18-16, in the '94 Orange Bowl to claim their first national crown. Several officiating calls, including a 15-yard late-hit penalty on Miles during Florida State's final drive for the winning field goal, were disputed.

"I try not to think about that game," Miles said. "But when it comes up, you can't help but go, 'Dang.'"

Which is a word frustrated receivers figure to blurt often this season, after they've been foiled by Miles. ♦



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Nebraska cornerback Barron Miles, who seems to love a challenge, often finds himself "out on an island" defensively, but the confident 5-foot-8 senior never really considers himself stranded.

## DEFENSIVE BACKS

Rk.	SAFETIES	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Bobby Taylor	6-3/201	Jr.	Notre Dame	Quarterback of Irish defense.
2.	Tony Bouie	5-10/183	Sr.	Arizona	Tied for Pac-10 interception lead in '93.
3.	Orlanda Thomas	6-0/200	Sr.	SW Louisiana	Led nation in picks with nine.
4.	Devin Bush	6-0/205	Jr.	Florida State	Aggressive at run support.
5.	James Walker	6-3/194	Jr.	North Carolina State	Makes all the plays.
6.	Brandon Sanders	5-10/175	Jr.	Arizona	Intense hitter is complement to Bouie.
7.	Jeff Messenger	5-10/190	Sr.	Wisconsin	Led Big Ten in thefts last year.
8.	C.J. Richardson	6-1/200	Sr.	Miami (Fla.)	Reckless hitter plays like a linebacker.
9.	Sam Shade	6-1/190	Sr.	Alabama	Receivers keep an eye on him.
10.	Chris Carter	6-1/182	Soph.	Texas	Quick, smart Longhorn leader.
11.	Tony Watkins	5-11/195	Sr.	South Carolina	Overlooked star in the SEC.
12.	Greg Myers	6-2/189	Jr.	Colorado State	Perhaps best defensive player in WAC.

Rk.	CORNERBACKS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Ty Law	6-0/189	Jr.	Michigan	Ty can fly with the quickest Big Ten receivers.
2.	Chris Hudson	5-11/190	Sr.	Colorado	Versatile enough to play anywhere.
3.	Clifton Abraham	5-9/185	Sr.	Florida State	Excels at man coverage.
4.	Alundis Brice	5-11/180	Sr.	Mississippi	Tied for SEC lead in picks in '93.
5.	Craig Newsome	6-0/175	Sr.	Arizona State	Has tremendous raw potential.
6.	William Ephraim	5-10/162	Sr.	Oregon State	Best player on improving Beavers.
7.	Ray Mickens	5-8/176	Jr.	Texas A&M	Latest in line of top Aggie corners.
8.	Tommy Johnson	5-10/180	Sr.	Alabama	Should move out of Antonio Langham's shadow.
9.	Andre Humphrey	5-8/192	Jr.	Clemson	"Lizard" is a great all-around talent.
10.	Joey Ellis	5-10/181	Sr.	Texas	Excels at bump-and-run.
11.	Fred Smith	5-9/186	Sr.	Auburn	Looks to rebound from knee injury.
12.	Darius Johnson	5-9/172	Jr.	Oklahoma	Good cover man—and aggressive.
13.	Torey Hunter	5-10/180	Sr.	Washington State	Part of Cougars' fine secondary.
14.	Calvin Jackson	5-10/179	Jr.	Auburn	One of several fine Auburn defenders.
15.	Larry Kennedy	5-10/186	Sr.	Florida	Has made 37 straight starts.
16.	Walt Harris	6-1/187	Jr.	Mississippi State	Six picks for Bulldogs' ballhawk.
17.	Michael Reed	5-9/177	Sr.	Boston College	He and Joe Kamara are tough on wideouts.
18.	Barron Miles	5-8/160	Sr.	Nebraska	Great all-around skills.



### Auburn's Daniel finds punting no mystery

By RICHARD SCOTT

Birmingham Post-Herald

**I**t seems that Terry Daniel's punts travel so far and so high that they beg for an explanation.

Could it be helium? Last year, Mississippi State Coach Jackie Sherrill thought so and asked the Southeastern Conference to check Auburn's footballs for any foreign substances. But an official examination proved him wrong.

Could it be haunches? That is former Auburn place-kicker Scott Etheridge's favorite theory. And a quick examination of Daniel's 6-foot-1, 226-pound body suggests Etheridge might be right.

"It's his weight—his big rear and his big legs getting behind the ball," Etheridge said.

Could it be simple mechanics?

"I think the reason I kick it so far is technique and form—the way I hit the football," Daniel said.

Whatever it is, it works. Last season, Daniel averaged 46.9 yards per punt, which ranked second in the nation, earned him consensus All-America honors and played a key role in Auburn's 11-0 season.

"There's a lot of guys who catch the ball, get the ball off or kick it high, but they don't kick it as far as Terry does," Auburn Coach Terry Bowden said. "Terry Daniel kicks it farther than the others, and he does it consistently."

That hasn't always been the case. In 1990, Daniel pursued his boyhood dream of playing football for Alabama. He walked on to the team, but he failed to catch the attention of the Crimson Tide coaches. After the 1991 season, he returned to his home in rural Valley, Ala., about 20 miles northeast of Auburn, and figured his football career was over—until his father convinced him to walk on the Auburn squad in the spring of 1992.

Daniel's determination paid off. Mechanical changes in his form made him more consistent, and he ended up earning second-team All-SEC honors in 1992.

As a junior in '93, he improved so much that he often out-kicked his coverage early in the season. Daniel had to learn how to kick higher and shorter to help his team, and by the end of the season, he had silenced the critics who said he couldn't drop punts inside the 20-yard line.

Now Daniel must worry about living up to high expectations.

"I'm looking so forward to this season," Daniel said. "I'm already getting butterflies thinking about it. I have to come back and average more than 47 for people to say, 'Hey, he is a good punter.' There's going to be a lot more pressure." ♦



Helium theory dismissed as hot air, Terry Daniel says technique and form send his punts high and far.

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## SPECIAL TEAMS

Rk	KICKERS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Judd Davis	6-1/185	Sr.	Florida	15 of 19 FGA; 96 points.
2.	Bjorn Merten	6-0/203	Soph.	UCLA	20 of 25 FGA; 91 points.
3.	Jon Davis	5-11/198	Sr.	Texas Tech	13 of 16 FGA; 84 points.
4.	Ty Stewart	5-11/180	Sr.	Iowa State	11 of 15 FGA; 53 points.
5.	Bill Manolopoulos	5-10/155	Soph.	Indiana	16 of 22 FGA; 77 points.
6.	Michael Proctor	5-11/183	Jr.	Alabama	22 of 29 FGA; 97 points.
7.	John Becksvoort	6-1/177	Sr.	Tennessee	12 of 13 FGA; 95 points.
8.	Marshall Young	5-11/194	Jr.	Texas-El Paso	11 of 13 FGA; 56 points.
9.	Jeff Caldwell	5-10/170	Soph.	Arkansas State	14 of 17 FGA; 50 points.
10.	Lawson Vaughn	6-0/170	Jr.	Oklahoma State	11 of 14 FGA; 52 points.

Rk	PUNTERS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Terry Daniel	6-1/226	Sr.	Auburn	46.9-yard average, 51 punts.
2.	Todd Sauerbrun	6-0/200	Sr.	West Virginia	44.6-yard average, 47 punts.
3.	Kyle Pooler	6-0/193	Sr.	Missouri	42.4-yard average, 72 punts.
4.	Jim DiGiulio	6-0/180	Sr.	Indiana	42.6-yard average, 44 punts.
5.	Bryne Diehl	6-3/215	Sr.	Alabama	43.6-yard average, 56 punts.
6.	Aaron Mills	6-0/175	Sr.	Stanford	42.2-yard average, 63 punts.
7.	Darren Schager	6-0/194	Sr.	UCLA	42.0-yard average, 64 punts.
8.	Scott Milanovich	6-4/220	Jr.	Maryland	43.8-yard average, 50 punts.
9.	Stephen Wilson	6-2/185	Sr.	Hawaii	42.9-yard average, 46 punts.
10.	Shayne Edge	5-11/174	Sr.	Florida	42.7-yard average, 43 punts.

Rk	RETURN SPECIALISTS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School	Comment
1.	Leeland McElroy	5-11/200	Soph.	Texas A&M	Returned three kickoffs for TDs in '93.
2.	Jack Jackson	5-9/171	Jr.	Florida	This Gator has lots of go.
3.	Mike Adams	6-1/180	Jr.	Texas	He makes things happen.
4.	Andre Humphrey	5-8/192	Jr.	Clemson	Don't leave your seat when he's ready for a runback.
5.	Eddie Kennison	6-1/180	Soph.	Louisiana State	Ranked sixth in nation in punt returns.
6.	Bobby Engram	5-10/185	Jr.	Penn State	Many happy returns.
7.	Billy Williams	5-11/174	Sr.	Tennessee	He'll continue to improve with more chances.
8.	Chris McCranie	5-11/173	Soph.	Georgia	Averaged 14.4 yards per punt return.
9.	L.T. Gully	5-11/185	Jr.	Southern Mississippi	Golden Eagles' Mr. Excitement.
10.	Michael Miller	5-7/160	Sr.	Notre Dame	Will he ever realize his potential?



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# MAKING A

## Eyes of New Mexico are upon cocky Lone

By PHILL CASAUS

*Albuquerque Journal*

**S**toney Case is returning to his table with something called "The Frontier Roll"—a gooey, battleship-sized confection that has transformed many a New Mexico quarterback into, well, a nose tackle.

Caloric intake notwithstanding, the roll and Stoney have a longstanding relationship at The Frontier, a popular Albuquerque eatery located across the street from the New Mexico campus. In a football career that has seen more than its share of bitter, this is one place where he was sure to find the sweet.

"I'm here every now and then," he said with a smile.

But now, for perhaps the first time in his career, Case isn't wolfing down a Frontier Roll incognito. Classmates nod hello, the kid behind the counter asks about spring practice, a couple of friends rib him about being interviewed. These days, Big Man On—and off—Campus is spelled S-T-O-N-E-Y.

Stoney Case? Football? New Mexico? Even the ruggedly handsome fellow who wears a national championship ring (from high school) has trouble grasping what all the fuss is about.

"People think we had a great season just because we went 6-5," Case said of the Lobos' 1993 record, which included four losses by a combined eight points. "Actually, it's kind of mediocre."

In a nutshell, that's Stoney Case: unvarnished, uninhibited, unafraid to speak his mind. Which, maybe, is why he has become a talisman of sorts to a program long accustomed to bringing up the tail end.

Nothing less than success (i.e., winning and winning big) interests Case, a 6-foot-3, 196-pound senior. That attitude ("confidence bordering on cocky," to use his own terminology) has helped turn one of the most forlorn programs in America into one with a future.

"In everything—school, football, grades, whatever—Stoney just wants to win," Lobos receiver Zack Wesley said. "Even if we're just joking around. That's what he wants to do—win."

"That kid," said Wyoming Coach Joe Tiller, whose team was felled last year by Case's grit, "is just a special guy."

This admiration-society stuff is pretty heady material for a "special guy" who went largely unrecruited in his native and beloved Texas. Truth be told, Case couldn't find Albuquerque with a Texaco road map as a se-

nior at Permian High School (Odessa, Tex.), home of one of the nation's proudest prep programs. He wished only upon a Lone Star—hoping, most of all, to get a scholarship offer from the Texas Longhorns, his childhood fantasy team.

But during the 1989-90 school year, Texas didn't seem all that interested. The Longhorns recruited and signed another Texan, Steve Clements (who later transferred to Brigham Young), while Case waited for a call that never came. All he had done in the fall of 1989 was lead Permian to a 16-0 record, state 5A title and mythical national championship. And now, Texas wasn't messing with him.

"That had always been his dream," remembered Case's mother, Sharon. "It's just so hard to put into words. He felt like he deserved a chance and he didn't get it."

Making matters worse than the snub from Texas was the fact the Longhorns seemed to have so much company. Baylor offered only a courtesy visit. Memphis State reneged on a scholarship offer. Oh, sure, everyone thought he'd be a great walk-on, or maybe a Division I-AA player, but . . .

"If I couldn't get a scholarship in Division I (-A)," recalled Case, unhappily, "I wasn't going."

Meanwhile, humble New Mexico entered the picture. Armed with a passaholic offense that produced plenty of points but few victories, Mike Sheppard, then the Lobos' coach, enticed Case to visit New Mexico. Albuquerque wasn't Austin, Waco or even Memphis, but the Lobos did play Division I-A football. That, coupled with team passing statistics that looked like telephone numbers, drew him to New Mexico.

"I looked at those, and they were throwing 45 times a game," Case said. "I didn't throw 45 times in five games in high school. So I figured, 'Oh, great.'"

As they say in Odessa, not so fast, son. Case redshirted in 1990, watching in frustration as the Lobos remained mired in the subterranean basement they had known for most of the last 30 years.

For Case, the shock was almost too much. He turned teammates off with his hard-nosed, square-jawed and, yes, cocky, approach to practice. His Texas high school championship ring (big, gaudy and gold) raised eyebrows. Even Case's first name, his mom's tribute to the lead character in the 1962-63 television show "Stoney Burke," was just so . . . un-Lobo-like.

"If you ask anyone on our team who the most competitive guy is, I should come up in the top five," Case said. "Really, there are a bunch of followers in football. There aren't

too many leaders. I got here, and nobody was doing anything . . . I wanted to do something."

What he did in 1991 was fume. Rock-bottom for New Mexico that year came during a surreal 94-17 loss at Fresno State, a fiasco that sealed Sheppard's ouster and caused many to wonder why the Lobos—hooked on basketball, anyway—bothered to even play football.

Case, perhaps fortuitously, got to play only the last few minutes of the Fresno State game. But late in the '91 season, he led the Lobos to a stunning upset of Air Force and a season-ending victory at Colorado State. There was at least a flicker of hope.

A few weeks later, New Mexico hired Southwest Texas State's Dennis Franchione as Sheppard's successor. A noted rebuilder of programs, Franchione ran the option at Southwest Texas State. Case ran for his life when he wasn't throwing the ball at New Mexico. For a few moments, he thought of transferring to escape the entire situation.

But Franchione, no dummy, saw Case as the Lobos' foundation. He basically re-recruited the player to New Mexico, then went about installing a balanced offense that leavened the pass with a credible running game designed to keep the quarterback from risking his neck on every play. The bottom line: Franchione told Case that while he'd throw less, he'd win more.

"I tell my players that you might not like what I have to say, but I'll always tell you the truth," said Franchione, whose arrival coincided with the construction of \$6 million in football facilities that put the Lobos on par with their brethren in the Western Athletic Conference.

Apparently, the truth was all Case needed to hear. In two seasons under Franchione, the Lobos have gone from 3-8 to 6-5 to sky-high hopes in 1994. OK, so maybe 6-5 gets you fired in Tuscaloosa, Ala., but at New Mexico—where a winning season hadn't been seen since 1982 (10-1)—it was cause for parades and pride.

"The community is behind us now," said former Lobo center Justin Hall, a fellow Texan who spent much of his career snapping the ball to Case. "And that makes a big difference."

Case's statistics have risen with expectations. Last season, he threw for 2,490 yards and 17 touchdowns and ran for 329 yards and a school-record 14 TDs. He averaged 256.3 yards in total offense, numbers that helped produce wins over two bowl teams and earned him second-team All-WAC honors.

"When you're a good quarterback in our



# CASE

Quarterback Stoney Case, ignored by his revered Longhorns, is firing up the Lobos.

## Star reject

league, you're pretty good," said Tiller, noting the league's penchant for strong arms and big numbers. "But Stoney Case: Who has been more important to their program than Stoney Case has been to New Mexico's?"

In truth, the answer is nobody. And that's ironic, because Case's gung-ho visage hides a more complex interior. For all his talk, he's really a shy fellow who spends his summers in stark Odessa, working as a painter when he's not out hunting by himself.

When he graduates next spring with a major in biology and a minor in communications (he carries a 3.2 grade-point average), Case dreams of getting a shot at the National Football League. If that doesn't happen, he's heading to medical school.

"I guess I'm a private person, I don't talk a lot about myself," said Case, whose younger brother, Stormy, is a walk-on quarterback at Texas A&M. "But if someone asks me a question, I'll answer it as honestly as I can."

Knowing that, it's almost unnecessary to wonder if he's happy things turned out this way. But you ask, and Stoney Case answers—a straight shooter with blue eyes blazing.

"I'm so glad I didn't go to the Southwest Conference," Case said with relish in view of the SWC's impending breakup.

Is it any wonder they love him like a rock (and roll) at The Frontier? ♦

## UNDEREXPOSED

Like New Mexico's Stoney Case, many players are worthy of national recognition but, as yet, remain stars on more of a regional level. Following are 20 such players:

Marcus Adair, DE, Arkansas
William Bennett, FS, Northwestern
Stoney Case, QB, New Mexico
Michael Davis, RB, Mississippi State
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Kevin Fulton, SS, Iowa State
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Rushing Yards Average	Passing Yards Average
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### Player Salaries

Kickers			Quarterbacks (cont)			Running Backs (cont)			Tight Ends			Wide Receivers			Wide Receivers (cont)		
ID	Player	TM Salary	ID	Player	TM Salary	ID	Player	TM Salary	ID	Player	TM Salary	ID	Player	TM Salary	ID	Player	TM Salary
1	MURRAY, EDDIE	DAL 2500	138	CHANDLER, CHRIS	AZ 790	246	ROBINSON, GREG	RAI 750	401	GREEN, ERIC	PIT 1620	501	IRVIN, MICHAEL	DAL 2250	562	MCGEE, TIM	WAS 740
2	ELAM, JASON	DEN 2280	139	FRIESZ, JOHN	SD 780	247	ERVINS, RICKY	WAS 730	402	JACKSON, KEITH	MIA 1520	502	RICE, JERRY	SF 2100	563	MARTIN, TONY	MIA 720
3	STOYANOVICH, PETE	MIA 2260	140	MONTANA, JOE	KC 750	248	GARY, CLEVELAND	LA 700	403	SHARPE, SHANNON	DEN 1490	503	SHARPE, STERLING	GB 1750	564	TIMPSON, MICHAEL	NE 700
4	ANDERSEN, MORTON	NO 2230	141	O'BRIEN, KEN	PHI 720	249	TILLMAN, LEWIS	NYG 690	404	JONES, BRENT	SF 1330	504	CLARK, GARY	PHO 1570	565	PERRIMAN, BRETT	DET 690
5	HANSON, JASON	DET 2190	142	KRAMER, ERIK	DET 680	250	FENNER, DERRICK	CIN 650	405	MITCHELL, JOHNNY	NYJ 1290	505	JETT, JAMES	RAI 1560	566	BROOKS, BILL	BUF 690
6	LOHMILLER, CHIP	WAS 2170	143	GEORGE, JEFF	IND 680	251	THOMAS, BLAIR	NYJ 640	406	HARRIS, JACKIE	GB 1040	506	DAVIS, WILLIE	KC 1550	567	MARSHALL, ARTHUR	DEN 690
7	ANDERSON, G.	PIT 2140	144	BRISTER, BUBBY	PHI 660	252	VARDELL, TOMMY	CLE 620	407	HORTON, ETHAN	RAI 1020	507	HAYNES, MICHAEL	ATL 1460	568	WADDLE, TOM	CHI 680
9	LOWERY, NICK	KC 2100	145	MCMAHON, JIM	MIN 610	253	RUSSELL, LEONARD	NE 620	408	MCGEE, TONY	CIN 970	508	REED, ANDRE	BUF 1440	569	DAWKINS, SEAN	IND 670
10	CARNEY, JOHN	SD 2070	146	EVANS, VINCE	RAI 590	254	SHERMAN, HEATH	PHI 570	409	JORDAN, STEVE	MIN 880	509	RISON, ANDRE	ATL 1420	570	SHERARD, MIKE	NYG 660
11	JAEGER, JEFF	RAI 2050	147	WALSH, STEVE	NO 550	255	WILLIAMS, JOHN	SEA 560	410	BAVARO, MARK	PHI 850	510	ELLARD, HENRY	LA 1360	571	BURKETT, CHRIS	NYJ 660
12	JACK, CHRIS	GB 2000	148	CARLSON, CODY	HOU 500	256	ANDERSON, NEAL	CHI 560	411	CROSS, HOWARD	NYG 810	511	FRYAR, IRVING	MIA 1350	572	WILLIAMS, CALVIN	PHI 660
13	COFER, MIKE	SF 1940	149	SECULES, SCOTT	NE 470	257	MCGEET, DAVID	NYG 550	412	NOVACEK, JAY	DAL 810	512	MILLER, ANTHONY	SD 1340	573	HILL, DREW	ATL 640
14	TREADWELL, DAVID	NYG 1930	150	WARE, ANDRE	DET 470	258	MCAIR, TODD	KC 540	413	JOHNSON, LONNIE	BUF 800	513	TAYLOR, JOHN	SF 1300	574	BAILEY, VICTOR	PHI 640
15	JOHNSON, NORM	ATL 1910	151	NAGLE, BROWNING	NYJ 460	259	CARTER, DEXTER	SF 520	414	DRAYTON, TROY	LA 740	514	COPELAND, HORACE	TB 1270	575	PRITCHARD, MIKE	ATL 620
16	REVEZ, FUAD	MIN 1860	152	TOLLIVER, BILLY	ATL 420	260	HOGUE, MERRILL	PIT 500	415	KINCHEN, BRIAN	CLE 720	515	MARTIN, ERIC	NO 1220	576	MARTIN, KEVIN	SEA 620
17	CHRISTIE, STEVE	BUF 1830	153	BONO, STEVE	SF 390	261	BROWN, DEREK	NO 500	416	PIERCE, AARON	NYG 680	516	BROWN, TIM	RAI 1210	577	GRAHAM, JEFF	PIT 620
18	BUTLER, KEVIN	CHI 1800	154	PHILCOX, TODD	CLE 390	262	VAUGHN, JON	SEA 470	417	HOLMAN, RODNEY	DET 640	517	GIVINS, ERNEST	HOU 1130	578	BARNETT, TIM	KC 590
19	DELGRECO, AL	HOU 1760	155	HARJON, JACK	IND 390	263	MILBURN, GLYN	DEN 470	418	COATES, BEN	NE 620	518	LOFTON, JAMES	PHI 1120	579	RUSSELL, DERRICK	DEN 580
20	STOVER, MATT	CLE 1640	156	GELBAUGH, STAN	SEA 320	264	WORLEY, TIM	CHI 460	419	CASH, KERRY	IND 520	519	MOORE, ROB	NYJ 1100	580	DUNCAN, CURTIS	HOU 580
21	KASAY, JOHN	SEA 1630	157	WILLIS, PETEROM	CHI 290	265	DELPIRO, ROBERT	DEN 460	420	THORNTON, JAMES	NYJ 500	520	CARTER, CHRIS	MIN 1100	581	PICKENS, CARL	CIN 560
22	PELFREY, DOUG	CIN 1630	158	MAJOWSKI, DON	IND 230	266	BAILEY, JOHNNY	AZ 460	421	HAYES, JONATHAN	KC 420	521	MOORE, HERMAN	DET 1100	582	WELLMAN, GARY	HOU 550
23	DAVIS, GREG	AZ 1590	159	BUCK, MIKE	NO 200	267	THOMPSON, D	NYG 450	422	COOPER, ADRIAN	PIT 390	522	BARNETT, FRED	PHI 1050	583	MCCAFFREY, ED	NYG 540
24	RUZEK, ROGER	PHI 1500	<b>Running Backs</b>			268	BUNCH, JARROD	NYG 450	423	BRENNER, HOBY	NO 390	523	JACKSON, MICHAEL	CLE 1030	584	TURNER, FLOYD	NO 520
25	BAHR, MATT	NE 1490	ID	Player	TM Salary	269	LANG, DAVID	LA 440	424	PRICE, JIM	DAL 370	524	STONE, DWIGHT	PIT 1020	585	GAULT, WILLIE	RAI 520
26	ZENDEJAS, TONY	LA 1470	201	SMITH, EMMITT	DAL 3750	270	BELL, NICK	RAI 440	425	METZELAARS, P	BUF 360	525	CARRIER, MARKJ	CLE 1020	586	CRITTENDEN, RAY	NE 500
27	HUSTED, MICHAEL	TD 1430	202	THOMAS, THURMAN	BUF 3300	271	CRAIG, ROGER	MIN 430	426	SMITH, IRV	NO 360	526	PROHL, RICKY	PHO 1000	587	CALLOWAY, CHRIS	NYG 500
28	BIASUCCI, DEAN	IND 1430	203	SANDERS, BARRY	DET 3100	272	WORKMAN, VINCE	TB 420	427	JOHNSON, REGGIE	DEN 360	527	JACKSON, MARK	NYG 1000	588	TILLMAN, LAWYER	CLE 500
29	BLANCHARD, CARY	NYJ 1410	204	BETTIS, JEROME	LA 3000	273	WILLIAMS, HARVEY	KC 410	428	HALL, RON	TB 330	528	INGRAM, MARK	MIA 1000	589	MCMURTRY, GREG	NE 500
30	ELLIOTT, LIN	DAL 1210	205	WATERS, RICKY	SF 2800	274	LOGAN, MARC	SF 390	429	ARMSTRONG, TYJI	TB 320	529	JOHNSON, CHARLES	PIT 1000	590	OBE, TERRY	CHI 460
31	SISSON, SCOTT	NE 1090	206	BROOKS, REGGIE	WAS 2610	275	THOMPSON, LEROY	PIT 380	430	JENNINGS, KEITH	CHI 310	530	MORTON, JONNIE	DET 1000	591	MATHIS, TERENCE	NYJ 460
<b>Quarterbacks</b>			207	FOSTER, BARRY	PIT 2150	276	GRAHAM, SCOTTIE	MIN 370	431	CARTER, PAT	LA 310	531	LEWIS, THOMAS	NYG 1000	592	WRIGHT, A	RAI 450
ID	Player	TM Salary	208	HAMPTON, R	NYG 1990	277	CHAFFY, PAT	MJ 370	432	BATY, GREG	MIA 310	532	ALEXANDER, DRICK	CLE 1000	593	COPELAND, R	BUF 440
101	YOUNG, STEVE	SF 3750	209	MOORE, RON	AZ 1560	278	MCAFFEE, FRED	NO 360	433	GALBRAITH, SCOTT	DAL 280	533	EARLY, QUINN	NO 990	594	ISMAIL, RAGHIB	RAI 430
102	ELWAY, JOHN	DEN 3000	210	WALKER, HERSHEL	PHI 1560	280	MACK, KEVIN	GB 340	434	WALKER, DERRICK	SD 270	534	HARPER, ALVIN	DAL 980	595	MILLS, ERNIE	PIT 420
103	KELLY, JIM	BUF 2950	211	WHITE, LORENZO	HOU 1540	281	HILLIARD, DALTON	CLE 340	435	MCNEAL, TRAVIS	LA 270	535	HESTER, JESSIE	IND 970	596	JOHNSON, VANCE	DEN 410
104	MARINO, DAN	MIA 2630	212	BERNSTINE, ROD	DEN 1460	282	CENTERS, LARRY	AZ 330	436	COOK, MARV	NE 240	536	HAWKINS, C	TB 950	597	QUERRY, JEFF	CIN 410
105	HOSSTETLER, JEFF	RAI 2510	213	HARMON, RONNIE	SD 1380	283	TURNER, KEVIN	NE 320	437	GLOVER, ANDREW	RAI 220	537	ANDERSON, WILLIE	LA 930	598	WILSON, CHARLES	TB 410
106	CUNNINGHAM, R	PHI 2490	214	BUTTS, MARION	SD 1310	284	HEYWARD, CRAIG	CHI 310	438	EDMONDS, F	SEA 210	538	GREEN, WILLIE	DET 920	599	THOMAS, LAMAR	TB 400
107	MOON, WARREN	HOU 2240	215	BROWN, GARY	HOU 1240	285	DICKERSON, ERIC	ATL 310	439	PUPUNO, ALFRED	SD 210	539	CLAYTON, MARK	GB 920	600	MORGAN, ANTHONY	GB 360
108	HUMPHRIES, STAN	SD 2210	216	WARREN, CHRIS	SEA 1240	286	JOHNSON, A	IND 310	440	WEST, ED	GB 210	540	BIRDEN, JJ	KC 910	601	YOUNG, MICHAEL	PHI 360
109	TESTAVERDE, V	CLE 2170	217	MEANS, NATRONE	SD 1170	287	MITCHELL, BRIAN	WAS 300	441	HALLOCK, TY	DET 200	541	SLAUGHTER, W	HOU 890	602	JEFFERSON, SHAWN	SD 360
110	HARBAUGH, JIM	CHI 2130	218	JOHNSON, JOHNNY	NYJ 1170	288	HEBRON, VAUGH	PHI 290	442	MCKELLER, KEITH	BUF 200	542	MONK, ART	WAS 890	603	TURNER, ODESSA	SF 360
111	EVERETT, JIM	LA 2070	219	METCALF, ERIC	CLE 1050	289	MURRELL, ADRIAN	NYJ 290	443	WILLIAMS, JAMIE	SF 180	543	BLADES, BRIAN	SEA 870	604	JONES, HASSAN	KC 310
112	MILLER, CHRIS	ATL 2070	220	BYNER, EARNEST	WAS 1040	290	LESTER, TIM	LA 290	444	WETNIGHT, RYAN	CHI 150	544	JEFFRIES, H	HOU 870	605	CONWAY, CURTIS	CHI 300
113	O'DONNELL, NEIL	PIT 1990	221	DAVIS, KENNETH	BUF 1020	291	WILLIAMS, WARREN	PIT 270	445	NEWMAN, PAT	NO 130	545	LANGHORNE, R	IND 830	606	DREWREY, WILLIE	HOU 280
114	RYPIEN, MARK	WAS 1980	222	HIGGS, MARK	MIA 1020	292	NED, DERRICK	NO 270	<b>NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE</b>			546	DAVIS, WENDELL	CHI 830	607	TILLMAN, CEDRIC	DEN 270
115	HEBERT, BOBBY	ATL 1940	223	KIRBY, TERRY	MIA 1010	293	LYNCH, ERIC	DET 260	<b>PLAYERS ASSOCIATION</b>			547	CARTER, ANTHONY	MIN 820	608	EDWARDS, A	PHO 260
116	AIKMAN, TROY	DAL 1780	224	BAXTER, BRAD	NYJ 1010	294	RIVERS, REGGIE	DEN 260				548	HILL, RANDAL	PHO 800	609	BANKS, FRED	CHI 240
117	KRIEG, DAVE	KC 1640	225	FAULK, MARSHALL	IND 1000	295	LEWIS, DARREN	CHI 250	<b>Officially Licensed</b>			549	BRISBY, VINCENT	NE 800	610	COX, AARON	IND 230
118	SCHROEDER, JAY	CIN 1590	226	HILL, GREG	KC 1000	296	SMITH, TONY	ATL 230	<b>Product of the</b>			550	SCOTT, DARNEY	CIN 800	611	CARROLL, WESLEY	CIN 230
119	MIRER, RICK	SEA 1570	227	FLOYD, WILLIAM	SF 1000	297	LEE, AMP	SF 220	<b>National Football League</b>			551	BRUCE, ISAAC	LA 800	612	MCCARDELL, K	CLE 230
120	ESIASON, BOOMER	NYJ 1530	228	MOORE, DERRICK	DET 980	298	GREEN, MARK	CHI 220	<b>Players Association</b>			552	LEE, KEVIN	NE 800	613	HARRIS, LEONARD	HOU 220
121	ERICKSON, CRAIG	TB 1530	229	GREEN, HAROLD	CIN 930	299	RATHMAN, TOM	SF 220				553	PALMER, DAVID	MIN 800	614	SMALL, TORRANCE	NO 220
122	BLEDSE, DREW	NE 1500	230	POTTS, ROOSEVELT	IND 910	300	COLEMAN, LINCOLN	DAL 210				554	YARBOROUGH, RYN	NYJ 800	615	THOMAS, ROBB	SEA 200
123	PEETE, RODNEY	DET 1310	231	ALLEN, MARCUS	KC 900	301	LASSIC, DERRICK	DAL 210				555	EMANUEL, BRET	ATL 800	616	SINGLETON, NATE	SF 200
124	WILSON, WADE	NO 1270	232	BROUSSARD, S	ATL 830	302	JOSEPH, JAMES	PHI 200				556	BROOKS, BUCKY	BUF 800	617	ISMAIL, QADRY	MIN 200
125	RUBLEY, T.J.	LA 1200	233	MUSTER, BRAD	NO 830	303	BIENIEMY, ERIC	SD 200				557	JONES, ERNIE	LA 780	618	MCDUFFIE, O.J.	MIA 200
126	TOMCZAK, MIKE	PIT 1130	234	COBB, REGGIE	TB 810	304	GARDNER, C	BUF 200				558	DAWSEY, L	TB 760	619	JONES, FRED	KC 200
127	SIMMS, PHIL	NYG 1130	235	RHETT, ERRICT	TB 800	305	SMITH, STEVE	RAI 200				559	SANDERS, RICKY	WAS 750	620	REED, JAKE	MIN 200
128	BEUERLEIN, STEVE	AZ 1030	236	LEVY, CHUCK	AZ 800	306	ANDERS, KIMBLE	KC 200				560	BEEBE, DON	BUF 750	621	HOWARD, DESMD	WAS 200
129	GANNON, RICH	WAS 1010	237	GARNER, CHARLIE	PHI 800							561	LEWIS, NATE	SD 740	<b>Entries must be phoned or faxed by Saturday, September 3,1994 9 PM</b>		
130	MITCHELL, SCOTT	MIA 1010	238	BATES, MARIO	NO 800												
131	SHULER, HEATH	WAS 1000	239	BENNETT, DONNELL	KC 800												
132	DILFER, TRENT	TB 1000	240	NEAL, LORENZO	NO 790												
133	FAVRE, BRETT	GB 960	241	PEGAM, ERIC	ATL 790												
134	KLINGLER, DAVID	CIN 860	242	WORD, BARRY	MIN 780												
135	KOSAR, BERNIE	DAL 860	243	SMITH, ROBERT	MIN 770												
136	SALISBURY, SEAN	MIN 840	244	BYARS, KEITH	MIA 770												
137	DEBERG, STEVE	MIA 820	245	HOARD, LEROY	CLE 760												

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Receiver J.J. Stokes made a promise to his father that he would stay in school to earn his degree, a decision viewed as risky in terms of a possible injury that could impact upon his pro career.

## UCLA's Stokes finds bliss on campus—

By **JERRY CROWE**

*Los Angeles Times*

**T**he most decorated wide receiver in college football this season might have been the richest rookie wide receiver in the National Football League in 1994.

But UCLA's J.J. Stokes, who finished seventh in Heisman Trophy balloting last season after leading the Bruins to their first Rose Bowl appearance in eight seasons, ignored conventional wisdom when he announced that he would return to school for his senior year.

Conventional wisdom said that, as a projected top-10 pick, Stokes should have made himself available for the NFL draft last spring.

"It's a mistake for any kid that's a top-10 pick to go back to school," ESPN draft analyst Mel Kiper Jr. said. "It's a major risk (of potential injury) that will not make you any more money. To me, there's no rational reason for staying. You're playing football, you maximize your pro rating, you come out, you go in the top 10, you get your money."

For some, of course, it's not that simple.

Four years ago, Jerel Jamal Stokes made a promise to his father that he would stay at UCLA long enough to earn a degree.

"It was my word," he said, "and I'm sticking to it."

Mistake?

"Going back to UCLA, there's no way he's

going to be able to do any better than he did last year," Kiper said. "Even if he did, he's not going to go any higher. He's never going to be the first, second, third, fourth player drafted. Never. Wide receivers just aren't."

"Everybody thought I should have left," Stokes said, "but I can't go with what everybody else thinks. I'm doing what I want to do."

And so, for one more season, UCLA has him.

"I think he's just a guy who's enjoying college," said Terry Donahue, who is entering his 19th season as the Bruins' coach. "He seems to be content with his state and his situation in life. He's not in a rush to get to the next level."

**E**very week during the football season, a package arrives at the four-star Hotel Des Alpes in Lucerne, Switzerland, where Jon Stokes, the second of J.J.'s three older brothers, is the head chef.

Inside is a videotape of UCLA's most recent game, mailed to Europe to show Jon what those on this side of the Atlantic already know.

J.J. cooks, too.

The youngest of John and Annie Stokes' four sons has provided so much material for his own personal highlight reel that if the editing were left to him, he would leave out one of his most memorable catches.

In the fourth quarter of a 1992 game against heavily favored Southern California,

a 38-37 Bruins triumph in which Stokes caught six passes for 263 yards (a school single-game record) and three touchdowns, he caught a pass at the UCLA 25-yard line, outran one Trojan defender, changed direction and carried a second would-be tackler the final 10 yards into the end zone for a TD. The play covered 90 yards and proved to be the winning score.

"I always say, 'If I catch the ball and I'm behind you, there's no way you're going to catch me,' but that sort of (proved me wrong), so I don't want to remember that one," said Stokes, who is touchy about those who would question his speed. "I want to throw it out of my mind."

He has plenty of other memorable moments on which to dwell.

A consensus All-America and the Pacific-10 Conference's Offensive Player of the Year last season, Stokes caught 82 passes for 1,181 yards and 17 touchdowns, all school single-season records. In the Bruins' 21-16 loss to Wisconsin in the Rose Bowl, he grabbed a school- and Rose Bowl-record 14 receptions for 176 yards (also a Rose Bowl mark).

Virtually impossible to cover one-on-one because of his size and speed, the 6-foot-4, 214-pound Stokes needs only 15 receptions and 64 yards receiving to pass former teammate Sean LaChapelle as UCLA's all-time leader in both categories. Stokes, whose oldest brother, Darryl, was a wide receiver at Long Beach State in the early 1980s, already



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is UCLA's career leader with 24 scoring catches.

"He's one of those guys that you classify as a true difference-maker," Donahue said. "He's a guy who can take a five-yard pass and turn it into a 95-yard touchdown, like he did against Washington (last season). He's a guy that dictates, to some extent, how defenses have to line up. They can't line up, often-times, the way they want to line up because they're too concerned about the impact he's going to have on that defense.

"There aren't many guys like that who come around. Troy Aikman's a difference-maker. Freeman McNeil, Gaston Green. J.J.'s in that category."

Stokes, who describes himself as "the future of receivers" because of his size, says of the difference between good and great receivers: "Somehow, some way, the great receivers find a way to get open in the crucial moments and get the ball and take it the distance. I think I can do that. Every time I touch the ball, I think I can get into the end zone."

As a youngster growing up in San Diego, Stokes played tailback until his junior year at Point Loma High School, when he was moved to tight end. And then: "I only played when there was a pass to the tight end, because I could outrun a linebacker. And that was only five or six plays the whole year."

Hoping to return to the offensive backfield as a senior, he instead was told that he would play wide receiver in a passing attack led by

Danny White, who is now the starting quarterback at Arizona.

"I was getting open against high school DBs, and everything worked," said Stokes, who quickly warmed to his new position. "I started becoming more comfortable and having a good time playing receiver."

"The thing about receiver is, if you catch the ball, you're already past the D-line and, most of the time, the linebackers. That only leaves you three people to beat. To me, that's no problem."

Stokes caught 66 passes for 1,535 yards and 15 touchdowns as a high school senior in 1989, but recruiters still weren't sure what to make of him.

"People regarded him as a 'tweener," Donahue said.

Some wanted him as a tight end, some as a wideout. Others, such as UCLA, knew only that they wanted him.

"We didn't know where he would eventually end up," Donahue said, "but we were fairly certain that he was a real good player and we thought he would become a big-time player."

Stokes said that his high school coaches later told him that the Bruins planned to try him at outside linebacker.

"Actually, my first day here, I (was issued) knee braces and big shoulder pads," he said. "I said, 'What's this? I'm playing receiver,' and then I (walked off). When I came back, I had little pads. If they wouldn't have changed it, I wouldn't have been here more than a couple days."

California's Memorial Stadium is nestled into the hills above Berkeley, providing one of college football's most beautiful settings. It was there, in Strawberry Canyon, that Stokes reached the low point of his UCLA career during the eighth game of his sophomore season.

"He dropped a pass that he would normally suck out of the air with no problem, and it was going to be a big play," said Rick Neuheisel, who coached the UCLA receivers for four seasons before leaving after the 1993 campaign to coach quarterbacks and receivers at Colorado. "The quarterback had scrambled and found him, and he had broken free. He may have gone the distance, and he dropped it."

"He came over to the sideline and was beside himself, angry. We had a talk, but he never came out of the funk."

"I didn't want to play the rest of the game," Stokes said.

Two days after Cal's 48-12 victory over the Bruins, Stokes and his coach talked again.

"Like most kids coming out of high school," Neuheisel said, "he needed to learn how hard the great players work at becoming great players. They don't just fall into it."

Neuheisel said he read Stokes the riot act and told him his work habits would have to improve dramatically if he expected to become an NFL-caliber receiver. Stokes said Neuheisel simply offered encouraging words. Regardless, Stokes got the message.

"He told me basically that some receivers are good enough to play at the college level and some are good enough to go to the next level," Stokes said. "He told me I had what it takes to go on, but I had to work at it. He just turned my spirits around and I was ready to play."

"It finally got through to J.J. that he had a world of talent and he was not utilizing it to the fullest," Neuheisel said. "And with that, he really went on a roll."

With LaChapelle (then a UCLA senior) sidelined because of an injury, Stokes caught five passes for 83 yards in a win over Oregon State the week following the Cal loss. A week later against Oregon, "he literally took over the game," Neuheisel said. "People remember the USC game, where he had 263 yards and three touchdowns and the long runs, but the Oregon game was just as impressive."

Stokes caught 10 passes for 143 yards against the Ducks, scoring the game's only TD during the fourth quarter of a 9-6 victory.

"It was then that you realized, there's been a fire lit here, this guy's really something," Neuheisel said.

Stokes' performance against Southern Cal the next week, which included 192 receiving yards and two touchdown catches in the fourth quarter alone, all but eclipsed the Oregon game. Then came last year's monster season.

These days, Stokes' work ethic is widely praised.

"Nobody works any harder than J.J.," Donahue said.

But is that enough to guarantee another huge season in 1994?

"I think the mistake people are probably going to make is that they're going to judge this year's performance (with) last year's performance strictly with numbers, and that's not fair," Neuheisel said. "The guy will be the focus of every defensive coordinator that plays UCLA. They're going to say, 'To stop this team, you're going to have to take this guy out of the game.' He's such a big-play guy that he can turn games. He's a real factor, so there are going to be schemes (developed) to try to neutralize him."

"And in so doing, they're going to give great opportunities to the UCLA offense to attack elsewhere. He's going to have a great year, but I'm not sure he's going to be able to equal the numbers."

Even if Stokes can't, Donahue said the Bruins must keep their star involved.

"We've got to find different ways to move him and put him in a position where he can get the ball, so he doesn't get snuffed out, and I think we can," Donahue said. "I think he's versatile enough and smart enough and experienced enough."

"We can't win enough football games by using J.J. Stokes as a decoy. He's got to be a featured performer." ♦



**By MIKE BAUMAN***Milwaukee Journal*

**A**s a freshman, Brent Moss was ridiculed. As a junior, he was the Big Ten Conference's Most Valuable Player.

"He's come a million miles," Wisconsin Coach Barry Alvarez said.

The miles include leading Wisconsin to a 10-1-1 record last season, capped by the first Rose Bowl victory in school history, a 21-16 triumph over UCLA in which Moss ran for 158 yards and two touchdowns. Moss entered the postseason classic as the most productive running back in Wisconsin regular-season history, gaining 1,479 yards on 276 carries, rushing for 100 yards or more in 10 games and scoring 14 touchdowns.

Now, in his senior season, he will be a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate.

"You wouldn't understand how satisfying it is," Moss said. "I can't bring it out in words. As much stuff as I've been through to get where I am, it's something you don't want to take for granted."

On the field, off the field, Moss has displayed a determination, a will, a drive that has been able to overcome all obstacles. And he has had plenty of obstacles to overcome. When Moss enrolled at Wisconsin in 1990, he was academically ineligible to compete under Proposition 48 standards. His test scores were just under qualifying guidelines. The NCAA later changed the guidelines and restored his lost year of eligibility. But when Moss arrived in Madison, there was a stigma attached to him.

Moss is from Racine, an industrial city 20 miles south of Milwaukee. He had been highly recruited out of Park High School. When the Badgers landed him, it was a coup for Alvarez, who was just taking over a program that was a shambles. But when Moss failed to make the Prop 48 guidelines, it was a highly publicized failure.

During his freshman year, Moss got a lot of unsolicited phone calls at his dormitory room. They might generally be termed as prank calls, but they were more mean-spirited than that. A typical call, Moss said, would be: "Hey, Brent, what's two plus two?"

"That was a really ridiculous situation," Alvarez said. "It was really unfair the way he was treated. It was like, Brent Moss, his middle name was 'Prop 48.' It was embarrassing for him, embarrassing for his family."

Amid the taunts and the publicity, Moss felt unappreciated and unliked. It was a difficult time for him. He was given support by his roommate and high school teammate, J.C. Dawkins, a wide receiver who was red-shirted as a freshman.

"I never went to practice that first year because I was studying and it would hurt too much to go," Moss said. "We'd stay up all night and J.C. would tell me what was going on at practice and I'd think: 'Damn, I wish I was there.'"

Moss also was driven by a sense of responsibility to his parents, Henry and Elaine Moss. When Brent was declared ineligible to play, his parents had to come up with the

money for his freshman year. And they didn't have money to spare.

"My mom had to take care of my little sister, plus my nephews and nieces," Moss said. "It was a lot of extra stress because she had to work extra shifts at her nursing job. I felt bad. My parents put out so much that I can't

afford to sit here and take everything for granted. My parents put out for me. I'm going to give it all I can in return.

"There were times when I felt like giving it all up. But I was brought up to never quit. That's what's made me so determined. I'm not a quitter."



**The stigma of Proposition 48, the shooting death of a friend and fatherhood have tested the mettle of Wisconsin's Brent Moss.**

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Even when Moss did become eligible to play in 1991, things did not go smoothly. He suffered a sprained ankle that caused him to lose the starting tailback job to Terrell Fletcher.

But Moss is a fierce competitor who is not easily turned aside. You can see that trait in his running style. He is only 5-foot-9, but he is powerfully built at 205 pounds. He has exceptional ability at finding holes and cutting back away from tacklers, but he also is more than willing to blast into opponents and fight for every possible yard.

"That's something I put in my head: 'I don't want to be stopped, I won't be stopped,'" Moss said. "I've got to give it every extra effort, because you never know when you're going to break one."

Said Alvarez: "He just loves football. He loves to play. He's tough. Watch him smash somebody. Watch him smack into a line-backer. He finishes every run. He'll get you every extra inch. If you're an offensive lineman, you love to block for somebody like that. The other kids respect him."

People who had not seen Moss previously were astounded at the punishing efficiency he displayed in the Rose Bowl. He lugged the ball 36 times against the heavily favored Bruins for those 158 yards. This was a revelation to some people because neither Moss nor the Badgers had spent much time on the national stage. But for the Wisconsin team, it was typical Moss.

"People were asking me about that after the Rose Bowl," Alvarez said. "Brent had nothing longer than 11, 12 yards. I said: 'Just another workingman's day.'"

"That's my objective," Moss said. "Consistency, day in, day out."

He brought that same sort of determination to the classroom. He has not become a straight-A student, but he can legitimately be called a student/athlete. He has had no further eligibility problems. He will be close to graduating with a degree in African American Studies next spring.

Moss could have come out for the Nation-

al Football League draft after last season, but after meeting with some pro scouts he decided that he would be better served by spending another year at Wisconsin. More than that, there was the degree.

"I really wanted to get close to my degree," Moss said. "I wanted people to know that I was not stupid, that I was a student."

He has had some other folks pushing him as well. Moss is close to Alvarez.

"Coach Alvarez is a lot like me," Moss said. "Hard. Rough. Physical. Football. He challenges you to do your best. I respect that."

So Moss listened early in his career when Alvarez gave him a speech on the academic facts of life.

"We sat down for a talk," Alvarez said, "and I told him, bottom line, if he doesn't get his degree, I'm going to kick him square in the ass. If he doesn't get his degree, he's going to have to deal with me."

The problems with the Prop 48 stigma were far from the first difficulties Moss had encountered. He did not come from an affluent background. He has seen the results of gangs and violence. In 1988, his best friend, Andre Harris, had been fatally shot outside a club.

"We were like brothers, the best friend I ever had," Moss said. "It was just devastating for me."

He also has had to deal with the duties of fatherhood. He and his girlfriend, Stacy Johnson, have a son, Cyrus Johnson-Moss, who is now 2 years old. The experience of having a child, Moss said, has made him more aware of what his parents did for him and made him more responsible.

"It has changed my life," Moss said. "It drives me. My father set an example for me, and now I know that I have to set an example for my son."

It's a full life—fatherhood, football, school. On every level, Brent Moss strives to achieve.

"There's times when I feel like I really need to take a break," Moss said. "But I really don't have time."

He has had enough time to be at the center of a remarkable football revival. After gaining just 219 yards in a backup role in 1991, Moss advanced to 739 yards and nine touchdowns in 1992. Then, Moss and the Badgers had a breakthrough season.

Last year's performance was made even more remarkable by the fact that Moss split time at tailback with Fletcher. In a scheme devised by Jim Hueber, Wisconsin's running backs coach, Moss played the first two series of every game, Fletcher played the next two and then the duties went to the back who was performing better. Moss got most of the playing time, but Fletcher received enough minutes to gain 996 yards.

Driven by the talented running backs, a big, efficient offensive line and a ball-hawking defense, the Badgers exceeded everybody's expectations. This was a program, after all, that had not been to the Rose Bowl for 31 years or enjoyed a winning season since 1984. And Wisconsin had gone 1-10 in 1990, the year Alvarez and Moss arrived on the Madison campus.

Nine offensive starters will return for Wisconsin in 1994. At their core will be Moss, three seasons before the butt of jokes but now the Big Ten's biggest offensive force and a Heisman Trophy candidate. It has been a remarkable turnaround, for all concerned.

"It's been very satisfying watching Brent grow with this program," Alvarez said. "He's a special kid."

And Moss?

"I think people woke up to Wisconsin football last year," he said. "It was a new experience. Now, it's going to be a tough year. We'll be on the road against Michigan and Ohio State. But it's going to be a fun year, too. We're going to step up and show people we're for real."

"It's satisfactory now. But I'm not satisfied."

Brent Moss never has been satisfied. School, football, life, he has traveled miles on every front. He has heard the insults and the doubts. They have only served to push him. ♦

## Taunt victim Moss now does badgering of his own as a tough, punishing runner

# LESSONS IN LIFE



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# Parity is for other conferences, not the ACC

By DOUG DOUGHTY

Roanoke Times & World-News

Parity, that buzzword of the 1990s, has little relevance when it comes to Atlantic Coast Conference football. Florida State Coach Bobby Bowden can be as complimentary and diplomatic as he wants, but the gap between his Seminoles and the rest of the league has only grown wider.

After Florida State's inaugural season in the ACC in 1992, one in which the Seminoles trailed in the fourth quarter against Clemson and Georgia Tech before winning both games, no ACC team came within 25 points of the Seminoles last year. Georgia Tech, which controlled Florida State for three quarters in 1992 before losing by five points, was embarrassed by a 51-0 score in the rematch.

Two ACC bowl teams, Clemson and North Carolina State, were crushed by 57-0 and 62-3 outcomes, respectively. In one of Florida State's closer games, a 40-14 triumph over Virginia, the Seminoles led 30-0 at the half. Wake Forest was a third shutout victim, 54-0.

The day may come when Florida State loses an ACC game, possibly in the next millennium. As it is, the Seminoles have won 16 consecutive conference games, and no one is predicting that they won't break the record of 21 straight set by Maryland from 1973-77.

"It will get tougher and tougher to keep that string alive," Bowden said. "I feel the ACC will be much tougher in 1994. Last year, a lot of teams were young and their players were gaining experience. We took advantage of that."

The consensus of Bowden's fellow ACC coaches is that the rest of the league has to elevate its play because the Seminoles aren't about to slip. Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Charlie Ward is gone, but new starter Danny Kanell completed 73.5 percent of his passes with seven touchdowns and no interceptions as a backup last year.

"When a team gets on a roll like that, what happened last year could have happened in any conference," Georgia Tech Coach Bill Lewis said. "I wasn't surprised last year because they were as good as it gets in college football."

Although the Seminoles outscored their conference brethren, 391-51, last season, nobody affiliated with another ACC football program is willing to concede that the gap is quite that large.

"In 1992, there were four (ACC) teams that were in the game with Florida State for at least a half," North Carolina State Coach Mike O'Cain said. "Last year was one of those years—I'm not saying it was a rarity—when everything seemed to go right for them."

"I don't think there's anybody in the league that feels Florida State can't be beaten. One thing we all know is that we've got to cash in on our opportunity, and that's not something we've been able to do yet."

## FLORIDA STATE

**Offensive strengths:** Although the Seminoles are known for their skill-position players, their offensive line ranks among the best in school history. Center Clay Shiver was an All-ACC selection and guard Patrick McNeil should be

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### PREDICTIONS

#### ORDER OF FINISH

1. FLORIDA STATE
2. NORTH CAROLINA
3. CLEMSON
4. VIRGINIA
5. NORTH CAROLINA STATE
6. GEORGIA TECH
7. MARYLAND
8. WAKE FOREST
9. DUKE

mentioned in the same breath. Warrick Dunn heads a group of talented running backs who should get more work, but not to the neglect of All-ACC receiver Kez McCorvey.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Few teams could lose the Heisman Trophy winner and two-time conference player of the year without skipping a beat. Moreover, Charlie Ward's successor at quarterback won't have the luxury of veteran receivers Matt Frier, Tamarick Vanover and Kevin Knox.

**Defensive strengths:** Injuries prevented linebacker Derrick Brooks from sweeping some of the national honors for which he appeared destined, but the up side is that he's back for his senior year. Coach Bobby Bowden thinks end Derrick Alexander is one of the premier defensive linemen in the country. Clifton Abraham holds the same status in the secondary.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Cornerback Corey Fuller and free safety Steve Gilmer sat out



Florida State's Clifton Abraham is one of the nation's premier cornerbacks.

spring practice after knee operations that caused them to miss all of last season. It might seem risky to depend on a couple of players who haven't played in a year, but there are plenty of talented athletes, lacking only in experience, who are ready to spell them.

**Special teams:** Scott Bentley, suspended from the team in the off-season, missed eight extra points and was only 13-for-20 on field goals, but his fourth field goal of the day was the game-winner in the Orange Bowl. One of the Seminoles' few voids was created with the departure of return specialists Corey Sawyer and Vanover.

**Key to success:** Kanell becoming the undisputed No. 1 quarterback. Bowden, realizing that the last thing the Seminoles need is a QB controversy, conceded last spring that Kanell was "in the driver's seat" at the position.

**Outlook:** Florida State again plays maybe the toughest non-conference schedule in the country, but it's hard to see how the Seminoles will be the underdog in any of their games, even at Miami against the rebuilding Hurricanes. Florida State gets Notre Dame in Orlando and Florida in Tallahassee.

**Coach Bobby Bowden says:** "When you're playing at the level we have been for the last seven years, it can all come back to one play, (but) if this team will keep the same work habits and can stay healthy, we'll be right there again."

**SEMINOLES DATA** Coach: Bobby Bowden (166-46-3, 18 years; 239-78-3 overall, 28 years).

**1993 record:** 12-1 (beat Nebraska in Orange Bowl), ACC: 6-0/1st.

**Key losses:** Ken Alexander, LB; Richard Coes, FS; Marvin Ferrell, OT; William Floyd, FB (declared for NFL draft); Matt Frier, WR; Sean Jackson, TB; Lonnie Johnson, TE; Kevin Knox, WR; Toddrick McIntosh, DE; Jon Nance, NG; Corey Sawyer, CB (declared for NFL draft); Tamarick Vanover, WR/KR (declared for CFL draft); Charlie Ward, QB.

**Starters returning: Offense (5):** Juan Laureano, T, 6-5/283, Jr.; Kez McCorvey, WR, 6-0/185, Sr.; Patrick McNeil, G, 6-3/280, Sr.; Clay Shiver, C, 6-2/275, Jr.; Lewis Tyre, G, 6-5/264, Jr. **Defense (6):** Clifton Abraham, CB, 5-9/185, Sr.; Derrick Alexander, E, 6-5/282, Jr.; Derrick Brooks, LB, 6-1/220, Sr.; Devin Bush, SS, 6-0/205, Jr.; Todd Rebol, LB, 6-0/215, Jr.; James Roberson, E, 6-4/241, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Scott Bentley, K, 5-11/178, Soph. (status uncertain; suspended in off-season); Sean Liss, P, 6-4/219, Soph.

**Other key returnees:** Byron Capers, CB, Soph.; James Colzie, CB, Soph.; Forrest Conoly, OT, Jr.; Chris Cowart, DE, Sr.; Sam Cowart, LB, Soph.; Henri Crockett, LB, Soph.; Zack Crockett, FB, Sr. (RS); Warrick Dunn, TB, Soph.; O'Mar Ellison, WR, Sr.; Corey Fuller, CB, Sr. (RS/knee); Steve Gilmer, FS, Sr. (RS/knee); Jesus Hernandez, OT, Jr.; Danny Kanell, QB, Jr.; Tyrant Marion, DT, Jr.; Tiger McMillon, TB, Sr. (RS/knee); Phillip Riley, WR, Jr.; Travis Sherman, LB, Soph.; Eric Smith, LB, Sr.; Jon Stark, QB, Jr.; Clarence (Pooh Bear) Williams, FB, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Thad Busby, QB, Fr. (RS); Daryl Bush, LB, Fr. (RS); E.G. Green, WR, Fr. (RS); Lamont Green, LB, Fr.; Robert Hammond, DB, Fr.; Tim Johnson, OT, Jr. (JC); Jeremy Morris, FS, Fr. (RS); Orpheus Royce, DL, Jr. (JC); Demetro Stephens, LB, Fr.; Rodney Wells, CB, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** Virginia, Sept. 3; Maryland, Sept. 10; Wake Forest, Sept. 17; North Carolina, Sept. 24; at Miami (Fla.), Oct. 8; Clemson, Oct. 22; Duke, Oct. 29; at Georgia Tech, Nov. 5; Notre Dame (at Orlando, Fla.), Nov. 12; at North Carolina State, Nov. 19; Florida, Nov. 26.

**Last league title won:** 1993.

**Site:** Tallahassee, Fla.

## NORTH CAROLINA

**Offensive strengths:** Only two ACC running backs who rushed for more than 1,000 yards last season are back, and North Carolina has

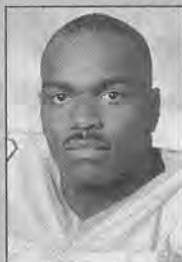
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## PRESEASON ALL-ATLANTIC COAST TEAM

## PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

## OFFENSE

CURTIS  
JOHNSON  
RB, North Carolina

## DEFENSE

DERRICK  
BROOKS  
LB, Florida State

## NEWCOMERS OF THE YEAR

OFFENSE: Anthony Downs, RB, Clemson

DEFENSE: Robert Hammond, DB, Florida State

## FIRST TEAM

## OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	KEZ McCORVEY, Florida State	6-0/185	Sr.
WR	EDDIE GOINES, N.C. State	6-0/185	Sr.
TE	GREG DeLONG, North Carolina	6-4/245	Sr.
T	STEVE INGRAM, Maryland	6-5/300	Sr.
T	ELTON NDOMA-OGAR, Wake Forest	6-3/284	Jr.
C	CLAY SHIVER, Florida State	6-2/275	Jr.
G	PATRICK McNEIL, Florida State	6-3/280	Sr.
G	BRIAN BRAVY, Georgia Tech	6-5/327	Sr.
QB	SCOTT MILANOVICH, Maryland	6-4/220	Jr.
RB	CURTIS JOHNSON, North Carolina	5-10/208	Jr.
RB	WARRICK DUNN, Florida State	5-9/178	Soph.

## DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	DERRICK ALEXANDER, Florida State	6-5/282	Jr.
DL	MIKE FREDERICK, Virginia	6-6/265	Sr.
DL	MARCUS JONES, North Carolina	6-6/260	Jr.
LB	DERRICK BROOKS, Florida State	6-1/220	Sr.
LB	TIM JONES, Clemson	6-1/230	Sr.
LB	JAMAL COX, Georgia Tech	6-3/230	Sr.
LB	DAMIEN COVINGTON, N.C. State	6-1/228	Sr.
DB	CLIFTON ABRAHAM, Florida State	5-9/185	Sr.
DB	JAMES WALKER, N.C. State	6-3/194	Jr.
DB	ANDRE HUMPHREY, Clemson	5-8/192	Jr.
DB	DEVIN BUSH, Florida State	6-0/205	Jr.

## SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	STEVE VIDETICH, N.C. State	6-2/204	Sr.
P	SCOTT MILANOVICH, Maryland	6-4/220	Jr.
KR	ANDRE HUMPHREY, Clemson	5-8/192	Jr.

## SECOND TEAM

## OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	JERMAINE LEWIS, Maryland	5-9/170	Jr.
WR	PATRICK JEFFERS, Virginia	6-4/220	Jr.
TE	BOBBY NEELY, Virginia	6-4/251	Jr.
T	FORREST CONOLY, Florida State	6-6/325	Jr.
T	CURTIS MCGEE, Georgia Tech	6-5/275	Soph.
C	MICHAEL CHEEVER, Georgia Tech	6-4/281	Jr.
G	LEWIS TYRE, Florida State	6-5/264	Jr.
G	DAVID HACK, Maryland	6-6/280	Sr.
QB	JASON STANICEK, North Carolina	6-2/195	Sr.
RB	LEON JOHNSON, North Carolina	6-1/220	Soph.
RB	KEVIN BROOKS, Virginia	5-11/196	Jr.

## DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	CARL REEVES, N.C. State	6-4/219	Sr.
DL	MARK KRICHBAUM, Virginia	6-6/276	Sr.
DL	JAMES KIRKLAND, Duke	6-2/270	Jr.
DL	CHRIS COWART, Florida State	6-2/240	Sr.
LB	WARDELL ROUSE, Clemson	6-2/222	Sr.
LB	RANDY NEAL, Virginia	6-3/236	Sr.
LB	KEVIN GILES, Wake Forest	6-1/226	Sr.
DB	BRIAN DAWKINS, Clemson	6-0/185	Jr.
DB	DEXTER McCLEON, Clemson	5-10/188	Soph.
DB	RAY FARMER, Duke	6-4/220	Jr.
DB	COREY FULLER, Florida State	5-11/200	Sr.

## SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	SCOTT BENTLEY, Florida State	5-11/178	Soph.
P	WILL BRICE, Virginia	6-4/193	Soph.
KR	DERRICK STEAGALL, Georgia Tech	6-0/196	Soph.

both of them: Curtis Johnson and conference rookie of the year Leon Johnson. Few college quarterbacks are as adept at running the option as Jason Stanicek, who directed an offense that set school records for yards and points in a season.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Center Pat Conneely is the only returning starter from an offensive line that lost three first- or second-team All-ACC choices. The receiving corps will be young with the departure of possession receiver Corey Holliday and big-play threat Bucky Brooks.

**Defensive strengths:** North Carolina had one of the best young players in the ACC last year in defensive tackle Marcus Jones, who led the Tar Heels in sacks despite not starting. Mike Morton, who had 14 tackles in the Gator Bowl while subbing for an injured Rick Steinbacher, joins with Kerry Mock to give Carolina stability at inside linebacker.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Teams passed for 300 yards or more against North Carolina four times last year, and that was against a Tar Heels secondary that included All-America Bracey Walker. And it wasn't for a lack of defensive pressure—North Carolina led the ACC with 38 sacks. Experience will be lacking as only three starters return.

**Special teams:** After being named All-ACC at punter in 1992 and also starting at quarterback in the Peach Bowl, Mike Thomas was a disappointment in both areas last year. Returning place-kicker Tripp Pignetti was 12-for-15 on field goals.

**Key to success:** The defense growing up fast. Mack Brown's first two North Carolina teams finished 1-10 because they couldn't stop anybody. Obviously, the Tar Heels have progressed past that stage, but this is the

youngest defensive group Brown has assembled in several years.

**Outlook:** Carolina will need to win 10 games to increase its victory total for the fifth year in a row. That will be difficult, in view of the youth on the offensive and defensive lines and because—unlike last year—the Tar Heels won't play 12 regular-season games.

**Coach Mack Brown says:** "Certainly there are some major holes to fill on defense, but restructuring the offensive line and finding someone who can take over for Corey Holli-

day and Bucky Brooks at wide receiver will be our biggest challenges."

**TAR HEELS DATA** Coach: Mack Brown (34-34-1, 6 years; 51-62-1 overall, 10 years).

**1993 record:** 10-3 (lost to Alabama in Gator Bowl). ACC: 6-2/2nd.

**Key losses:** Ethan Albright, OT; Troy Barnett, NG; Bucky Brooks, FL; Sean Crocker, CB; Scott Falise, OG; Bernardo Harris, LB; Shawn Hocker, OG; Corey Holliday, SE; Ray Jacobs, LB; Curtis Parker, OT; Michael Payne, DT; Austin Robbins, DT; Rick Steinbacher, LB; Bracey Walker, FS.

**Starters returning: Offense (5):** Pat Conneely, C, 6-5/250, Jr.; Greg DeLong, TE, 6-4/245, Sr.; Curtis Johnson, TB, 5-10/208, Jr.; Malcolm Marshall, FB, 6-1/240, Sr.; Jason Stanicek, QB, 6-2/195, Sr. **Defense (3):** Sean Boyd, SS, 6-3/205, Jr.; Jimmy Hitchcock, CB, 5-11/190, Sr.; Kerry Mock, LB, 6-3/230, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Tripp Pignetti, K, 5-10/215, Sr.; Mike Thomas, QB/P, 6-2/225, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** Russell Babb, OG, Jr.; Greg Black, DT, Jr.; James Hamilton, LB, Soph.; William Henderson, FB, Sr.; Freddie Jones, TE, Soph.; Marcus Jones, DT, Jr.; Leon Johnson, TB, Soph.; Eddie Mason, LB, Sr.; Mike Morton, LB, Sr.; Riddick Parker, DT, Sr.; Roge Purgason, OT, Sr.; Oscar Sturgis, LB, Sr.; Byron Thomas, OT, Soph.; Marcus Wall, WR, Jr. **Top newcomers:** Octavus Barnes, WR, Fr. (RS); Terry Billups, CB, Fr. (RS); Omar Brown, DB, Fr. (RS); Greg Ellis, LB, Fr. (RS); Kivusama Mays, LB, Fr. (RS); Chuckie Parquet, QB, Fr.; Brian Simmons, LB, Fr. (RS); Greg Williams, WR, Fr.

**Schedule:** Texas Christian, Sept. 3; Tulane, Sept. 17; at Florida State, Sept. 24; at Southern Methodist, Oct. 1; Georgia Tech, Oct. 8; Maryland, Oct. 15; at Virginia, Oct. 22; North Carolina State, Oct. 29; Clemson, Nov. 5; at Wake Forest, Nov. 12; at Duke, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1980.

**Site:** Chapel Hill, N.C.



Few quarterbacks are as adept at running the option as North Carolina's Jason Stanicek.

## CLEMSON

**Offensive strengths:** Clemson was the only ACC team that did not have a 500-yard game in total offense last year, but the Tigers led the conference in turnover margin (plus 12) and in time of possession. Quarterback Patrick Sapp has great size and a strong arm and should benefit from new Coach Tommy



West's plans to spread the field.

**Offensive weaknesses:** The change in offensive philosophy comes a year late for Terry Smith, who finished his career as Clemson's all-time receiving leader with 2,681 yards. The returning wide receivers had a total of 15 receptions, one for a touchdown. No returning tailback rushed for 100 yards.

**Defensive strengths:** Tim Jones is ready to take his place among the great Clemson inside linebackers, and junior college transfer Wardell Rouse should be a force on the outside in his second year with the Tigers. Nobody has a better set of cornerbacks than Andre Humphrey and Dexter McCleon, who is back on defense after starting four games at quarterback.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Although the Tigers return nine starters, not including 1992 regular Warren Forney (out with a leg injury last year), they are certain to miss the presence of mammoth tackle Brentson Buckner. No returning defensive lineman had more than one sack last season.

**Special teams:** Thanks to Humphrey and McCleon, Clemson led the ACC in punt returns. Nelson Welch did not miss a field goal inside 40 yards after he yielded the punting duties to Chris McNally in the seventh game.

**Key to success:** Scoring more points. The Tigers scored the fewest points of any ACC team last year, and unless their offense comes around, defense and special teams will have to lead the way again.

**Outlook:** The Tigers won five of their final six games in 1993, but they won't have the luxury of seven home games again this season. Of course, if victories were all that Clemson wanted, Ken Hatfield might still be coach.

**Coach Tommy West says:** "It won't have to be third and 12 for us to throw the ball. That will probably be the biggest change offensively, throwing the ball when people don't expect it. We can't be afraid to throw the ball on first down."

**TIGERS DATA** Coach: Tommy West (1-0, entering first full season; 5-7 overall, 1 year).

**1993 record:** 9-3 (beat Kentucky in Peach Bowl). ACC: 5-3/T3rd.

**Key losses:** Rodney Blunt, TB; Brentson Buckner, DT; Jason Davis, WR; Brent LeJeune, OT; Bryce Nelson, C; Harom Pringle, LB; Stacy Seegars, OG; Terry Smith, WR.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (4):** Robert Jackson, T, 6-6/330, Jr.; Emory Smith, FB, 6-0/238, Soph.; Stephen Wynn, TE, 6-2/244, Sr.; Will Young, G, 6-2/273, Jr. **Defense (9):** Derek Burnette, LB,

6-0/220, Jr. (status uncertain; suspended in off-season); Carlos Curry, MG, 6-2/275, Jr.; Brian Dawkins, SS, 6-0/185, Jr.;

Leonard Evans, FS, 6-1/200, Jr.; Peter Ford, CB, 5-11/180, Soph.; Andre Humphrey, CB, 5-8/192, Jr.; Tim Jones, LB, 6-1/230, Sr.; Wardell Rouse, LB, 6-2/222, Sr.; Lamarick Simpson,

E, 6-2/265, Jr. **Kickers (1):** Nelson Welch, K/P, 5-8/182, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Michael Barber, LB, Sr.; Dwayne Bryant, WR, Sr. (RS/academics); Warren Forney, DT, Jr. (RS/knee);

Marcus Hinton, WR, Jr.; Dexter McCleon, CB, Soph.; Chris McNally, P, Jr.; Patrick Sapp, QB, Jr.; Darnell Stephens, LB, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Anthony Downs, RB, Fr.; Amel Jackson, TB, Fr. (RS); Dwayne Morgan, OT, Jr. (JC); Lamont Pegues, RB,

Fr.; Shawn Young, QB, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** **W**man, Sept. 3; **N**orth Carolina State, Sept. 10; **A** Virginia, Sept. 17; **M**aryland, Oct. 1; **A** Georgia, Oct. 8; **A** Duke, Oct. 15; at **F**lorida State, Oct. 22; **W**ake Forest, Oct. 29; at **N**orth Carolina, Nov. 5; **G**orgia Tech, Nov. 12; **S**outh Carolina, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1991.

**Site:** Clemson, S.C.

## VIRGINIA

**Offensive strengths:** There were four former Virginia quarterbacks on NFL rosters in 1993, but the school record for passing yardage in a season now belongs to Symmion Willis, who threw for 2,347 yards as a

sophomore last year. Tailback Kevin Brooks and fullback Charles Way are proven backs.

**Offensive weaknesses:** The offensive line, traditionally a Cavalier strength, has seldom been younger or thinner. Only center Bryan Heath returns to the position at which he started last year. The absence of wide receiver Larry Holmes, who skipped spring practice for personal reasons, would rob Virginia of its big-play threat.

**Defensive strengths:** Nobody in the ACC had more tackles than linebacker Randy Neal (139) or more tackles for losses than defensive end Mike Frederick (21). Tackle Mark Krichbaum doesn't have their numbers, but he is held in similar esteem by the team.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Boston College threw for 391 yards against Virginia in the Carquest Bowl, and the secondary has been further weakened by the loss of All-ACC safety Keith Lyle and cornerback Greg McClellan, a three-year starter.

**Special teams:** Provided Kyle Kirkeide keeps his job after missing field goals of 37 and 29 yards in the Carquest Bowl, Virginia is one of few teams with both a left-footed place-kicker and punter. Will Brice was principally responsible for the Cavs' improvement in net punting from 106th (last in the nation in 1992) to 16th last season.

**Key to success:** Good health. Virginia had an outstanding young receiving corps, led by walk-on Patrick Jeffers, before injuries started to mount in November. The whole offense would get a lift if Chris Harrison, considered the team's most promising offensive linemen before suffering a broken leg in August, can return healthy. Frederick's bad back is worrisome, too.

**Outlook:** Virginia has won its first five games in each of its last two seasons, a trend that is unlikely to continue with Florida State scheduled for this year's opener. However, there's enough talent on hand for the Cavaliers to win at least seven games for the eighth straight season.

**Coach George Welsh says:** "I was disappointed in 7-4 last year ... this team shouldn't be satisfied with 7-4, either. I think we should have higher aspirations than that."

## CAVALIERS DATA

**Coach:** George Welsh (80-56-3, 12 years; 135-102-4 overall, 21 years).

**1993 record:** 7-5 (lost to Boston College in Carquest Bowl). ACC: 5-3/T3rd.

**Key losses:** Tom Burns, LB; Peter Collins, OG; Mark Dixon G; Keith Lyle, S; Greg McClellan, CB; Matt Mikeska, DE;

Aaron Mundy, TE; Jim Reid, OT; Jerrod Washington, TB.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (6):** Demetrius Allen, WR,

5-10/150, Jr.; Tyrone Davis, WR, 6-5/223, Sr.; Bryan Heath,

C, 6-3/286, Sr.; John Slocum, T, 6-6/297, Jr.; Charles Way,

FB, 6-2/238, Sr.; Symmion Willis, QB, 6-4/203, Jr. **Defense (7):** Mike Frederick, E, 6-6/265, Sr.; Mark Krichbaum, T, 6-6/276, Sr.; Ryan Kuehl, T, 6-5/272, Sr.; Paul London, DB, 6-2/194, Jr.; Randy Neal, LB, 6-3/236, Sr.; Jamie Sharper, LB, 6-3/209, Soph.; Carl Smith, CB, 6-0/199, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Will Brice, P, 6-4/193, Soph.; Kyle Kirkeide, K, 5-11/165, Soph.

**Other key returnees:** Duane Ashman, DE/DT, Soph.; Jason Augustino, OT, Jr.; Tiki Barber, TB, Soph.; Kevin Brooks, TB, Jr.; Joe Crocker, CB, Jr.; Percy Ellsworth, DB, Jr.; James Farrior, LB, Soph.; Jon Harris, DE, Soph.; Chris Harrison, OT, Sr. (RS/broken leg); Larry Holmes, WR, Sr.; Patrick Jeffers, WR, Jr.; Skeet Jones, LB, Jr.; Bobby Neely, TE, Jr.; Greg Powell, OT, Jr.; Jeremy Raley, OG, Soph.; Joe Rowe, DB, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Ronde Barber, DB, Fr. (RS); Derek Byrd, WR, Fr. (RS); Doug Karczewski, OT, Fr. (RS); Matt Link, OT, Fr. (RS); Ray McKenzie, OG/C, Fr. (RS); Antonio Proise, RB, Fr. (RS); Joe Williams, DB, Fr. (RS); Julius Williams, DT, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** **A** Florida State, Sept. 3; **A** Navy, Sept. 10; **C**lemson, Sept. 17; **W**illiam & Mary, Oct. 1; at **W**ake Forest, Oct. 8;

at **G**orgia Tech, Oct. 15; at **N**orth Carolina, Oct. 22; at **D**uke, Nov. 5; **M**aryland, Nov. 12; at **V**irginia Tech, Nov. 19; **N**orth Carolina State, Nov. 26.

**Last league title won:** 1989.

**Site:** Charlottesville, Va.

## NORTH CAROLINA STATE

**Offensive strengths:** Wide receiver Eddie Goines established himself as a big-play threat last year by averaging more than 19 yards on 48 receptions and scoring 10 touchdowns. In quarterback Terry Harvey, the Wolfpack boasts one of the ACC's clutch performers. Harvey directed four fourth-quarter comebacks that resulted in Wolfpack victories last year but enters preseason practice only slightly ahead of Geoff Bender.

**Offensive weaknesses:** The Wolfpack wishes it could find another Gary Downs, a pleasant surprise when he rushed for 835 yards as a senior. The loss of seniors Todd Ward and Eric Taylor was compounded by

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KEITH DONNELLY

Nobody in the Atlantic Coast Conference had more tackles for losses than Virginia end Mike Frederick (95).



fellow lineman George Hegamin's decision to turn pro.

**Defensive strengths:** Free safety James Walker and cornerback William Strong head what has been a traditionally strong Wolfpack secondary. Walker tied for the ACC lead in tackles and Strong was second in pass break-ups. Linebacker Damien Covington made 282 tackles over the last two years.

**Defensive weaknesses:** North Carolina State generally has been undersized along the defensive line, which might account for the Wolfpack's tendency to wear down late in the season. There is no obvious replacement for two-time All-ACC selection Tyler Lawrence, the school's career leader in sacks and tackles for losses.

**Special teams:** There is no more accurate place-kicker in the ACC than Steve Videtich, an all-conference pick after hitting on 12 of 13 field-goal attempts. N.C. State is certain to miss Ledel George, who set an ACC record for career punt-return yardage.

**Key to success:** A smooth transition to a new defensive coordinator. Longtime Wolfpack defensive coordinator Buddy Green, one of the ACC's most respected assistants, resigned after the season to become head coach at UT-Chattanooga. There are enough veterans, however, to make the transition to new coordinator Ken Pettus an easy one.

**Outlook:** N.C. State is one of nine Division I-A teams to play in a bowl game in each of the last six seasons. That streak, however, could be in jeopardy if the Wolfpack keeps relying so much on its two-minute drill.

**Coach Mike O'Cain says:** "Against Michigan (a 42-7 loss), we may have lost anyway, but I don't think they beat a good football team that day. I still don't think they're 35 points better than us. I think our kids were embarrassed."

**WOLFPACK DATA** Coach: Mike O'Cain (7-5, 1 year).  
1993 record: 7-5 (lost to Michigan in Hall of Fame Bowl). ACC: 4-4/5th.

**Key losses:** Gary Downs, TB; Ledel George, FB; Gregg Gianamore, LB; George Hegamin, OT (declared for NFL draft); Robert Hinton, SE; Tyler Lawrence, LB; Loren Pinkney, DT; Ryan Schultz, TE; Eric Taylor, OT; Todd Ward, C; Dewayne Washington, CB.

**Starters returning:** Offense (5): Eddie Goines, FL, 6-0/185, Sr.; Terry Harvey, QB, 6-1/191, Jr.; Chris Hennie-Road, G,

6-5/261, Jr.; Steve Keim, G, 6-3/262, Jr.; Scott Woods, T, 6-4/283, Sr. Defense (7): Ricky Bell, CB, 5-11/183, Soph.; Damien Covington, LB, 6-1/228, Sr.; Eric Counts, MG, 6-2/255, Sr.; Ed Gallon, LB, 6-3/228, Sr.; Carl Reeves, T, 6-4/219, Sr.; William Strong, CB, 5-10/180, Sr.; James Walker, FS, 6-3/194, Jr. Kickers (2): Chad Robson, P, 6-0/164, Sr.; Steve Videtich, K, 6-2/204, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Geoff Bender, QB, Sr.; Rob Brown, FB, Soph.; Brian Fitzgerald, TB, Jr.; Mike Guffie, WR, Jr.; Kenny Harris, SS, Soph.; Mike Harrison, DT, Jr.; Adrian Hill, WR, Sr.; Nick Kukulinski, DT, Jr.; Kevin Matier, TB, Soph.; Steven McKnight, LB, Soph.; Ron Melnik, LB, Soph.; Jonathan Redmond, OG, Jr.; Kenneth Redmond, C, Jr.; Jon Rissler, LB, Jr.; Heath Woods, OT, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Greg Addis, WR, Fr. (RS); Carlos King, FB, Fr. (RS); Delaine Manley, DT, Fr. (RS/foot); Montez Moye, MG, Fr. (RS); Lateef Patterson, DT, Fr. (RS); Lateef Williamson, DT, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** Bowling Green State, Sept. 1; at Clemson, Sept. 10; Western Carolina, Sept. 24; Georgia Tech, Oct. 1; at Louisville, Oct. 8; Wake Forest, Oct. 15; at North Carolina, Oct. 29; at Maryland, Nov. 5; Duke, Nov. 12; Florida State, Nov. 19; at Virginia, Nov. 25.

**Last league title won:** 1979.

**Site:** Raleigh, N.C.

## GEORGIA TECH

**Offensive strengths:** Georgia Tech went from ninth in the ACC in rushing offense to second last year, thanks in large part to a maturing offensive line led by center Michael Cheever. Guards Chuck Vernau and Brian Bravy weigh 334 and 327 pounds, respectively.

**Offensive weaknesses:** The Yellow Jackets were eighth in the conference in pass efficiency last year and had to work without injured quarterback Donnie Davis last spring. Davis, who was plagued by inconsistency in his first year as a starter, struggled against Georgia Tech's stronger opponents.

**Defensive strengths:** The inside-linebacker tandem of Jamal Cox and Rodney Wilkerson, who combined for more than 200 tackles in 1993, will be playing together for the third year in a row. Once-touted recruits Lethon Flowers and Ryan Stewart will be counted on in the secondary.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The Yellow Jackets are hoping the return of defensive coordinator George O'Leary from the San Diego Chargers will revive the defensive prowess that brought Georgia Tech a co-national championship in 1990. Too bad for him that the Jackets no longer have Marco Coleman and Coleman Rudolph up front.

**Special teams:** Chris Leone's prolonged injury problems had the Yellow Jackets looking for a place-kicker as late as April. Derrick Steagall showed promise as a kickoff returner, but Georgia Tech's 4.9-yard punt-return average was the lowest in the conference by a wide margin. Jason Bender will handle the punting duties.

**Key to success:** A better passing game. The addition of co-offensive coordinator Gary Crowton from Boston College has raised Yellow Jacket hopes that the passing game will be improved, but Davis' need for a second, unexpected shoulder operation has heightened concerns going into the fall.

**Outlook:** If the Yellow Jackets post a winning record after going 5-6 in each of Bill Lewis' first two seasons, they will have earned it. Their 1994 schedule begins with Arizona at home and ends with Georgia on the road. A 43-10 loss to the Bulldogs in last season's finale may have stifled some of the momentum built by three straight victories.

**Coach Bill Lewis says:** "We were totally ineffective in the second half against Georgia and that should provide us with motivation for

this year, as will the memory of what Arizona did to Miami (a 29-0 win) in the Fiesta Bowl."

**YELLOW JACKETS DATA** Coach: Bill Lewis (10-12, 2 years; 45-44-2 overall, 8 years).  
1993 record: 5-6. ACC: 3-5/6th.

**Key losses:** Bryan Baxter, NG; William Bell, TB; Gary Brown, OT; Marcus Coleman, CB; Tyler Jarrett, K; Tom Johnson, LB; Richard Kinsey, DT; Dorsey Levens, TB; Keenan Walker, FL; Marlon Williams, LB; Mike Williams, CB; Jeff Wright, FB.

**Starters returning:** Offense (7): Brian Bravy, G, 6-5/327, Sr.; Omar Cassidy, SE, 5-8/160, Jr.; Michael Cheever, C, 6-4/281, Jr.; Donnie Davis, QB, 6-3/192, Jr.; Yoel Molina, T, 6-6/308, Soph.; Jeff Papushak, TE, 6-3/228, Sr.; Chuck Vernau, G, 6-5/334, Jr. Defense (5): Jamal Cox, LB, 6-3/230, Sr.; Mike Dee, FS, 6-4/190, Soph.; Bill Neuss, T, 6-5/255, Sr.; Ryan Stewart, SS, 6-2/207, Jr.; Rodney Wilkerson, LB, 6-2/233, Sr. Kickers (1): Jason Bender, P, 6-3/208, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Jimmy Clements, SS/LB, Soph.; Fred Coger, LB, Sr.; Lethon Flowers, CB, Sr.; Elliott Fortune, DT, Jr.; Don Hickson, LB, Sr.; Curtis McGee, OT, Soph.; Nathan Perryman, CB, Soph.; Charlie Simmons, SE, Sr.; Derrick Steagall, QB/TB/WR, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Grant Baynam, TE, Soph.; Mel Bowers, TB/FB, Jr. (JC); Ron Hardin, FB, Fr. (transfer/Notre Dame); Ralph Hughes, LB, Fr. (RS); Chris Leone, K, Soph. (RS); Tommy Luginbill, QB, Jr. (JC); Harvey Middleton, FL, Fr. (TS); Derrick Shepard, NG, Fr. (RS); C.J. Williams, CB, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** Arizona, Sept. 1; Western Carolina, Sept. 10; Duke, Sept. 24; at North Carolina State, Oct. 1; at North Carolina, Oct. 8; Virginia, Oct. 15; at Maryland, Oct. 22; Florida State, Nov. 5; at Clemson, Nov. 12; Wake Forest, Nov. 19; at Georgia, Nov. 25.  
**Last league title won:** 1990.  
**Site:** Atlanta.

## MARYLAND

**Offensive strengths:** Quarterback Scott Milanovich accounted for five of the six 400-yard passing games in the ACC last season. He will be throwing to ACC receiving champion Russ Weaver and Jermaine Lewis, who would have led the conference in several receiving categories if he hadn't missed three games. Steve Ingram is a big-time tackle.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Maryland barely rushed for 1,000 yards as a team (1,013) and the Terrapins' inability to control the ball put increased pressure on an already-beleaguered defense. Allen Williams, who gained 242 of his 251 rushing yards in the last three games, is not the receiving threat the departed Mark Mason was.

**Defensive strengths:** With the Terrapins ranking last in the ACC in every defensive category, there weren't many bright spots. Linebacker Ratcliff Thomas and defensive back Orlando Strozier, a pair of freshman, ranked among the ACC leaders in tackles and interceptions, respectively.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Maryland didn't become the first team in Division I-A history to give up 6,000 yards in a season (6,083) by being weak in one particular area. Coach Mark Duffner, who still believes the Terps' scheme was sound, fired defensive coordinator Larry Slade and brought in Kevin Coyle from Syracuse.

**Special teams:** Despite leading the ACC in total offense, it was as a punter that Milanovich earned all-conference honors. The Terps were an atrocious 1-for-8 on field goals last year, so the place-kicking can't help but improve with recruit Brad Rhodes.

**Key to success:** Improved defense. Maryland has not lacked for offense in Duffner's first two seasons, but the Terrapins haven't stopped anybody, either. They could help matters by being a little less careless; in 1993, their minus-18 turnover differential was by far the worst in the ACC.

**Outlook:** Once-proud Maryland has not had a seven-victory season since 1985 and there



COURTESY OF GEORGIA TECH

Thanks to 327-pound guard Brian Bravy, Georgia Tech has a good ground game.



is little reason to believe a turnaround is imminent. A 5-17 record at Maryland has dimmed Duffner's reputation as a whiz kid, but the Terps are the real thing on offense. **Coach Mark Duffner says:** "If we had stayed with one defense, we wouldn't have been as bad, not that we didn't have good intentions (in changing). We just kept trying to reinvent the wheel every week."

**TERRAPINS DATA** Coach: Mark Duffner (5-17, 2 years; 65-22-1 overall, 8 years).  
**1993 record:** 2-9. ACC: 2-6/7th.  
**Key losses:** Madison Bradley, DT; Jaime Flores, LB; Jason Kremus, WR; Mark Mason, RB.  
**Starters returning:** **Offense (9):** Jamie Bragg, C, 6-1/275, Sr.; Andrew Carter, WR, 5-10/180, Soph.; Jade Dubis, G, 6-2/280, Sr.; David Hack, G, 6-6/280, Sr.; Steve Ingram, T, 6-5/300, Sr.; Jermaine Lewis, WR, 5-9/170, Jr.; Scott Milanovich, QB, 6-4/220, Jr.; John Teter, T, 6-6/270, Jr.; Russ Weaver, WR, 6-3/215, Sr. **Defense (9):** Mike Gillespie, E, 6-3/230, Jr.; Lamont Gore, S, 6-2/195, Soph.; Angel Guerra, S, 6-2/200, Sr.; Johnnie Hicks, NT, 6-2/260, Soph.; Andreal Johnson, CB, 6-0/185, Soph.; Mike Settles, LB, 6-1/220, Jr.; Orlando Strozler, CB, 6-2/190, Soph.; Ratcliff Thomas, LB, 6-1/220, Soph.; Erick Wood, LB, 6-1/220, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Ken Lytle, K, 6-0/180, Soph.; Scott Milanovich, P, 6-4/220, Jr.  
**Other key returnees:** Kevin Foley, QB, Soph.; Darryl Gilliam, DT, Soph.; Eugene Gray, LB, Jr.; Erik Greenstein, OG, Soph.; Wade Inge, WR, Jr.; Mancel Johnson, WR, Soph.; Sharrod Mack, DT, Jr.; Geroy Simon, WR, Soph.; Jermaine Stewart, WR/KR, Soph.; Raphael Wall, S, Sr.; Al Wallace, LB, Soph.; Tim Watson, DE, Soph.; Allen Williams, RB, Sr.  
**Top newcomers:** Charles Cannon, S, Jr. (JC); Latroy Fowlkes, LB, Fr.; Jonathan Johnson, DB, Jr. (JC); Robert Moore Jr., RB, Jr. (JC); Brad Rhodes, P/K, Fr.; Buddy Rodgers, RB, Fr.; Ashley Sims, DE/DL, Jr. (JC); Gary Talbot, LB, Jr. (JC).  
**Schedule:** **At** Duke, Sept. 3; **Florida State**, Sept. 10; **at** West Virginia, Sept. 17; **Wake Forest**, Sept. 24; **at** Clemson, Oct. 1; **at** North Carolina, Oct. 15; **Georgia Tech**, Oct. 22; **Tennessee**, Oct. 29; **North Carolina State**, Nov. 5; **at** Virginia, Nov. 12; **at** Syracuse, Nov. 19.  
**Last league title won:** 1985.  
**Site:** College Park, Md.

## WAKE FOREST

**Offensive strengths:** Rusty LaRue, long heralded as Wake Forest's quarterback of the future, started the Deacons' final two games of the season and has the size, arm strength and toughness to become a fixture in his final two seasons. He will enjoy the protection of tackle Elton Ndoma-Ogar and fellow three-year starter Eddie McKeel at center.

**Offensive weaknesses:** A 329-yard effort by John Leach in the season finale gave Wake Forest its first 1,000-yard rusher since 1979. Unfortunately, it may be another 14 years before the Deacons have another one. In the absence of Leach and backup Ned Moultrie, Wake Forest does not have a returning player who rushed for more than 10 yards.

**Defensive strengths:** With more than 100 tackles in each of the last two seasons, Kevin Giles has been one of the most productive defensive players in the ACC. He and Tucker Grace, who missed spring practice to have a shoulder operation, form a nice tandem at middle linebacker. Cornerback Tom Stuetzer was third in the ACC in interceptions as a freshman.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The Deacons ranked no better than seventh in the ACC in any defensive category—and that was with All-ACC tackle Dred Booe on hand. Fellow tackle Jay Williams will be almost as difficult to replace.

**Special teams:** By the end of last season, senior Mike Green was the only ACC specialist who doubled as a punter and place-kicker. The Deacons may need two people to replace him. Wake Forest also lost one of the confer-



COURTESY OF WAKE FOREST

Wake Forest's Kevin Giles has been one of the most productive defenders in the ACC.

ence's top return men in Todd Dixon.

**Key to success:** Finding people who can catch passes. It remains to be seen who will catch LaRue's passes with Dixon, the ACC's No. 9 all-time receiver, and tight end Walter Rasby both gone. No returning receiver had more than one touchdown catch in 1993.

**Outlook:** With four losses coming in games they led in the second half, including a 33-32 setback when Maryland drove 99 yards in the final 2:35, the Deacons weren't as horrible last year as their 1-7 ACC record indicates. Still, there's a long way to go.

**Coach Jim Caldwell says:** "What has to change is expectations. We've got to move away from the mentality that, if you beat Clemson, somehow that's enough. No wonder we couldn't put two wins together."

**DEMON DEACONS DATA** Coach: Jim Caldwell (2-9, 1 year).

**1993 record:** 2-9. ACC: 1-7/9th.

**Key losses:** Kevin Cole, FS; Dred Booe, DT; Todd Dixon, SE; Mike Green, P/K; Travis Johns, WR; John Leach, RB; David Lowe, OT; Ned Moultrie, RB; Walter Rasby, TE; Kevin Smith, OG; Jay Williams, DT.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (5):** Rusty LaRue, QB, 6-2/194, Jr.; Eddie McKeel, C, 6-2/270, Sr.; Elton Ndoma-Ogar, T, 6-3/284, Jr.; Roger Pettus, FL, 6-0/190, Sr.; Tony Yamall, G, 6-4/273, Soph. **Defense (8):** Kevin Giles, LB, 6-1/226, Sr.; Richard Goodpasture, SS, 5-11/187, Sr.; Tucker Grace, LB, 6-2/224, Jr.; Harold Gragg, E, 6-4/256, Soph.; Brent Morehead, CB, 6-1/198, Jr.; Jimmy Quander, LB, 6-4/232, Sr.; Tom Stuetzer, CB, 5-11/190, Soph.; Semmah Taylor, E, 6-2/272, Sr. **Kickers:** None.

**Other key returnees:** Rhett Blanchard, TE, Sr.; Rick Gardner, DE, Jr.; Maurice Gravely, SS, Sr.; Bill Hollows, K, Soph.; Doug Marsigli, OT, Soph.; Terrence Suber, FS, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Robert Fatzinger, LB, Fr. (RS); Kai Sneed, WR, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** **At** Vanderbilt, Sept. 3; **Appalachian State**, Sept. 10; **Florida State**, Sept. 17; **at** Maryland, Sept. 24; **Army**, Oct. 1; **Virginia**, Oct. 8; **at** North Carolina State, Oct. 15; **Duke**, Oct. 22; **at** Clemson, Oct. 29; **North Carolina**, Nov. 12; **at** Georgia Tech, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1970.

**Site:** Winston-Salem, N.C.

## DUKE

**Offensive strengths:** The Blue Devils are in such good shape at quarterback that Spence

Fischer doesn't have a lock on the starting job despite passing for more than 4,000 yards over the last two seasons. Joe Pickens started two games after transferring from Ohio State.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Duke lost 98 receptions with the departure of seniors Stanley Dorsey, Brad Breedlove and Dan Clark. Starting guards Steve Alderfer and P.J. Schunke will be missed on a team that was eighth in the ACC in rushing.

**Defensive strengths:** Ray Farmer, one of Duke's more impressive physical specimens, made a successful transition from tight end to free safety. He'll be joined in the secondary by returning starters Tee Edwards and Sidney Wells. End James Kirkland led the team in sacks and tackles for losses despite starting only three games.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Although Kirkland is a good place to begin, Duke must replace six starters from its front seven. Moreover, Blue Devil opponents completed 66.7 percent of their passes, an ACC high, so the pass rush—as well as the coverage—could use some work.

**Special teams:** Tom Cochran made all five of his field-goal attempts from 30 to 39 yards, but only three of six from inside the 30. John Krueger was the third-team All-ACC punter as a freshman. Farmer was a special-teams demon with five blocked kicks.

**Key to success:** A better running attack. One of the surprises of the spring for new Coach Fred Goldsmith was the running backs, including converted fullback Rob Baldwin. Duke will need to control the ball to take some of the pressure off an inexperienced defense.

**Outlook:** Goldsmith has an easier schedule than that faced by his predecessors. Duke has a chance to start 3-0 with consecutive home games against Maryland, East Carolina and Army. Navy is the Blue Devils' third non-conference opponent. On paper, this Duke team isn't as good as the one that saw its ACC losing streak reach 16 games before winning at Wake Forest in late October.

**Coach Fred Goldsmith says:** "The one spot I'm not worried about is quarterback. They're (Fischer and Pickens) neck and neck going into the fall. A lot of people would say, 'Hmm, there's no clear-cut choice.' But they've been that good."

**BLUE DEVILS DATA** Coach: Fred Goldsmith (first year; 25-38-1 overall, 6 years).

**1993 record:** 3-8. ACC: 2-6/7th.

**Key losses:** Steve Alderfer, OG; Scott Berdan, LB; Brad Breedlove, WR; Dan Clark, TE; Stanley Dorsey, WR; Duane Marks, DE; Travis Pearson, DE; P.J. Schunke, OG; Brad Sherrod, LB; Sean Thomas, CB; David Waffle, DT; Scott Youmans, DT.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (6):** Rob Baldwin, RB, 6-0/230, Sr.; Clarence Collins, T, 6-4/290, Jr.; Jeroen Egge, C, 6-3/280, Jr.; Spence Fischer, QB, 6-3/215, Jr.; David Lowman, TB, 5-10/200, Sr.; Matt Williams, T, 6-5/280, Sr. **Defense (4):** Tee Edwards, SS, 6-1/205, Jr.; Ray Farmer, FS, 6-4/220, Jr.; Sidney Wells, CB, 6-0/175, Jr.; John Zuanich, LB, 6-2/210, Jr. **Kickers (2):** Tom Cochran, K, 6-1/190, Jr.; John Krueger, P, 6-4/205, Soph. **Other key returnees:** Zaid Abdul-Aleem, CB, Sr.; John Farquhar, TE, Sr.; David Hawkins, LB, Sr.; Jon Jensen, FL, Sr.; James Kirkland, DE, Jr.; Jon Merrill, OT, Jr. (RS); Joe Pickens, QB, Sr.; Mike Stallmeyer, DT, Jr.; Ray Wright, WR, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Johannes Brugger, DE, Fr. (RS); Corey Thomas, SE, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** **at** Maryland, Sept. 3; **East Carolina**, Sept. 10; **Army**, Sept. 15; **at** Georgia Tech, Sept. 24; **at** Navy, Oct. 1; **Clemson**, Oct. 15; **at** Wake Forest, Oct. 22; **at** Florida State, Oct. 29; **Virginia**, Nov. 5; **at** North Carolina State, Nov. 12; **North Carolina**, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1989.

**Site:** Durham, N.C. ♦



## SCOUTING THE ATLANTIC COAST

**Ascending:** Maryland and Georgia Tech. The Terrapins dropped from 3-8 in 1992 to 2-9 last season, but sooner or later this high-scoring team has to stop somebody on defense. The Yellow Jackets have at least as much talent as Virginia and North Carolina State, two teams that have finished ahead of them in each of the last two years.

**Descending:** Florida State and North Carolina. There's no way the Seminoles and Tar Heels could be as good as they were last year, when Florida State won the national championship and North Carolina increased its victory total for the fourth consecutive year.

**Nightmare schedule:** Florida State. Nobody in the country plays a non-conference schedule to rival the Seminoles': Miami (Fla.), Notre Dame and Florida. However, Georgia Tech has a notable pair of bookend games against Arizona and Georgia.

**Dream schedule:** North Carolina. When they were looking for a conference affiliation in the dying days of the Southwest Conference, Texas Christian and Southern Methodist could have joined with Tulane to form a league of non-threatening Tar Heel opponents.

**Best matchup of the year:** Florida State vs. Notre Dame in Orlando, Fla., on November 12. The Seminoles aren't likely to forget last year's 31-24 loss in South Bend and the way Notre Dame Coach Lou Holtz campaigned for the national championship won by the Seminoles.

**Worst matchup of the year:** Duke at Florida State, October 29. New Blue Devils Coach Fred Goldsmith won't be thrilled to know that the Seminoles outscored the opposition, 264-17, in winning their five ACC games at Doak Campbell Stadium last year.

**Shocker of the year:** Georgia Tech will beat Arizona on September 1. The Yellow Jackets should be fired up over this season-opening Thursday night home game that will be televised nationally by ESPN. Arizona, coming off a Fiesta Bowl blowout of Miami, might be tempted to take the Jackets lightly.

**Bowl bound:** Georgia Tech's tough non-conference games could prevent the Yellow Jackets from joining the same five ACC teams (Florida State, North Carolina, Clemson, Virginia and North Carolina State) that played in bowls last year. The Hall of Fame Bowl, which had N.C. State last year, might be more inclined to take Virginia with its fourth choice of ACC teams.

**Biggest shoes to fill:** Florida State quarterback Charlie Ward's. The NFL might not

have been impressed, but all Ward did in two years as a starter was throw for 5,679 yards and 49 touchdowns and lead the Seminoles to a national championship.

**Most underrated player:** Russ Weaver, WR, Maryland. Weaver was not voted to the first, second or third All-ACC team despite leading the league with 6.3 catches per game.

## HONOR ROLL

<b>Best offensive line:</b> Florida State	<b>Best secondary:</b> Florida State
<b>Best offensive backfield:</b> North Carolina	<b>Best-hitting defensive back:</b> James Walker, North Carolina State
<b>Best backup quarterback:</b> Geoff Bender, North Carolina State	<b>Best kicking game:</b> Florida State
<b>Best wide receivers:</b> Virginia	<b>Best kick-coverage units:</b> Clemson
<b>Best clutch receiver:</b> Kez McCorvey, Florida State	<b>Best coaching staff:</b> Georgia Tech
<b>Best defensive line:</b> Florida State	<b>Best coach:</b> George Welsh, Virginia
<b>Best-hitting defensive lineman:</b> Derrick Alexander, Florida State	<b>Best Heisman candidate:</b> Curtis Johnson, TB, North Carolina
<b>Best linebackers:</b> Clemson	<b>Best pro prospect:</b> Derrick Alexander, DE, Florida State
<b>Best-hitting linebacker:</b> Derrick Brooks, Florida State	

## RETURNING LEADERS

<b>Rushing:</b> Curtis Johnson, North Carolina, 86.2 yds./game (173 att., 1,034 yds., 11 TDs, 6.0 avg.).
<b>Passing efficiency:</b> Jason Stanicek, North Carolina, 145.6 rating pts. (217 att., 139 comp., 1,874 yds., 12 TDs).
<b>Total offense:</b> Scott Milanovich, Maryland, 312.5 yds./game (-62 yds. rushing, 3,499 yds. passing, 3,437 total yds.).
<b>Receiving:</b> Russ Weaver, Maryland, 6.3 rec./game (69 rec., 606 yds., 2 TDs, 8.8 avg.).
<b>Scoring:</b> Leon Johnson, North Carolina, 8.3 pts./game (16 TDs, 4 PATs, 0 FGs, 100 pts.).
<b>Punting:</b> Scott Milanovich, Maryland, 43.8 avg. (50 punts, 2,189 yds.).
<b>Punt returns:</b> Dexter McCleon, Clemson, 12.0 avg. (14 att., 168 yds., 0 TDs).
<b>Kickoff returns:</b> Derrick Steagall, Georgia Tech, 25.8 avg. (16 att., 413 yds., 0 TDs).
<b>Field goals:</b> Nelson Welch, Clemson, 1.4 FGs/game (15/24 FGs, 63%).
<b>Interceptions:</b> Tom Stuetzer, Wake Forest, 0.4 int./game (4 int., 19 yds., 0 TDs).



New Duke Coach  
Fred Goldsmith



Maryland's Scott Milanovich threw for over 400 yards in a game five times last season.

**Impact newcomers:** Octavus Barnes, WR, North Carolina, Fr. (RS); Johannes Brugger, DE, Duke, Fr. (RS); Derek Byrd, WR, Virginia, Fr. (RS); Anthony Downs, RB, Clemson, Fr.; Robert Hammond, DB, Florida State, Fr.; Dwayne Morgan, OT, Clemson, Jr. (JC); Lamont Pegues, RB, Clemson, Fr.; Brad Rhodes, P/K, Maryland, Fr.; C.J. Williams, CB, Georgia Tech, Fr. (RS).

**Coach of the year:** Bobby Bowden, Florida State. After what his team did a year ago, you have to wonder why Bowden did not win the ACC Coach of the Year Award in a landslide (he got only 48 of 85 votes).

**Coach on the hot seat:** Bill Lewis, Georgia Tech. Lewis has a much better record (10-12) than fellow third-year ACC Coach Mark Duffner (5-17 at Maryland), but Yellow Jackets Athletic Director Homer Rice is a "football guy" who might not have as much patience with a program boasting a co-national championship to its credit already in the '90s.

**Best bets:** Florida State will win a bowl game. The Seminoles are 9-0 in the postseason since 1985. . . . A North Carolina running back will rush for 1,000 yards for the 24th time, an NCAA record. . . . North Carolina State and Duke will not start the same quarterback in every game. . . . Maryland will exceed its 1993 total of one field goal. No other Division I-A team had fewer than three last year. . . . The ACC receiving champion will come from Maryland for the third straight year. . . . Clemson will not start four quarterbacks, as it did last season.

**Odds and ends:** Wake Forest and Virginia are the only ACC teams that enter the 1994 season with the same offensive and defensive coordinators they had a year ago. . . . Florida State, which lost offensive coordinator Brad Scott and two other coaches to South Carolina, experienced its first staff turnover since 1986. Newcomers include receivers coach Jeff Bowden, son of the head coach. . . . Clemson's Dexter McCleon last year became the first player to be named ACC rookie of the week on both offense (quarterback) and defense (cornerback). He'll play defense only this year. . . . North Carolina punter and backup quarterback Mike Thomas played baseball in the San Diego Padres' minor league system last summer. . . . Florida State wide receiver Phillip Riley, a 55-meter hurdles specialist, was named the most valuable competitor at the ACC Indoor Track Championships. . . . North Carolina State has two sets of brothers on its offensive line. Twins Scott and Heath Woods are both tackles, Scott a returning starter and Heath a probable first-stringer. Kenneth Redmond may be the Wolfpack's starting center, and younger brother Jonathan is a backup guard. ♦

—DOUG DOUGHTY



# After shaky year, Big East may feel more tremors

By **LENN ROBBINS**

*The Record*

**Y**ou'll have to forgive the folks in the Big East for mishandling this whole earthquake scenario. Accustomed to life on terra firma, they got it all backward in 1993.

It's earthquake, followed by aftershocks; not vice versa.

Instead, these East Coast schools experienced aftershocks before their entire conference almost went to pieces in an earthquake. To wit:

- Boston College wins at Notre Dame.
- West Virginia beats Miami (Fla.) and wins the Big East title.
- Syracuse goes in the tank.
- Miami, the nation's standard for defense over the last decade, gets a lesson in defense from Arizona in the Fiesta Bowl, where the Hurricanes fall, 29-0.

• Tom Coughlin bolts Boston College to become head coach/general manager of the Jacksonville Jaguars, a National Football League expansion franchise that will begin play in 1995. Coughlin earlier had vowed not to leave Chestnut Hill until he established a perennial Top 10 program.

Jolt, jolt, jolt, jolt, jolt.

Then, boom!

The four schools that are members of the Big East Conference for both football and basketball—Boston College, Miami, Pittsburgh and Syracuse—send a message to their roundball brethren: Expand the basketball conference from 10 to 14 teams by adding Big East football members Rutgers, Temple, Virginia Tech and West Virginia, or the eight of us will secede and form a new all-sports conference.

It's business, not personal, said the football schools. They feared Rutgers would join the Big Ten, or West Virginia would align with the Southeastern Conference, and the Big East football conference would be a dwindling entity on a landscape of growing super conferences.

The basketball schools, however, took it very personally. They had founded this conference in 1979. They had twice accepted expansion, adding Pittsburgh and later Miami. Now this conference, made up mostly of small parochial schools, found a gun to its head.

The conference shook as if a new fault line had been discovered beneath the league of offices in Providence, R.I. Finally, a compromise was reached. Rutgers and West Virginia were in; Temple and Virginia Tech were out.

Now we can get back to football, where it should be business as usual. Miami, which didn't finish among the top three in the final Associated Press poll for the first time since 1985, should reclaim the conference crown and be in the national championship picture on New Year's Day.

West Virginia won't go undefeated in the regular season but should be a Top 25 team. Virginia Tech will boast one of the nation's most potent offenses and could finish in the Top 10 if its defense steps up. Boston College and Syracuse, which are both looking to re-

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6. RUTGERS
7. PITTSBURGH
8. TEMPLE

place four-year starters at quarterback, have great young talent.

After a tumultuous year, it should be a rather predictable football season. But that doesn't mean there won't be more tremors.

Virginia Tech wants to find an all-sports conference to join. Temple may not be able to fund a Division I-A program that continues to lose money. And Connecticut, which has a Division I-AA football program, is a stadium away from upgrading to Division I-A status and joining the Big East football competition.

Was that another jolt?

#### MIAMI (FLA.)

**Offensive strengths:** Miami's line, a finesse group in the past, will be overpowering. The skill-position players are as good as any in the country, and the Hurricanes go at least two deep at every position.

**Offensive weaknesses:** In the last two years, Miami has recruited three of the nation's best high school quarterbacks, yet this could be the team's only weakness. Neither Frank Costa nor Ryan Collins, the two



The Hurricanes' Jonathan Harris is a dangerous return man.

starters last season, proved capable of leading the Hurricanes to a national title in 1993. Underclassmen Chris Walsh, Ryan Clement and Scott Covington aren't ready to start. So until further notice, Costa is the starter, a role Coach Dennis Erickson awarded him following a strong spring performance.

**Defensive strengths:** Speed will remain the trademark of the Hurricanes' defense, and this season the defenders will know where they're running. Whereas Miami had to replace all three linebackers in '93, all three starters return this season. Warren Sapp and Pat Riley are impact players up front.

**Defensive weaknesses:** There's a lack of experienced depth up front and at cornerback, where replacements must be found for Dexter Seigler and the underrated Paul White. A lot hinges on the health of cornerback Chad Wilson, who missed virtually all of last season with a knee injury.

**Special teams:** Dane Prewitt is as solid a kicker as there is in college football, and punter Mike Crissy heads a unit that allowed fewer than 11 yards in punt returns per game in '93. Jonathan Harris and Jammi German are dangerous return men.

**Key to success:** Costa must emerge as a top-flight quarterback if the team of the '80s wants to get back on track in the '90s.

**Outlook:** For most schools, a 9-3 season would be reason to rejoice. At Miami, it was cause to reassess. Opponents will pay the price by going up against a wiser, deeper and more experienced Miami team than the one that took the field last season. If the Hurricanes get through a pair of tough early-season games (at Arizona State and against Washington at home), an inside track to the national championship will be on the line when Miami hosts Florida State on October 8.

**Coach Dennis Erickson says:** "We thought things would happen for us last season instead of making them happen. I met with every player after the season and got that message across."

**HURRICANES DATA** Coach: Dennis Erickson (53-7, 5 years; 103-38-1 overall, 12 years).

**1993 record:** 9-3 (lost to Arizona in Fiesta Bowl). Big East: 6-1/2nd.

**Key losses:** Rudy Barber, OG; Robert Bass, LB; Donnell Bennett, TB (declared for NFL draft); Terris Harris, FS; Darren Krein, DE; Kenny Lopez, DT; Kevin Patrick, DE; Dexter Seigler, CB; Paul White, CB.

**Starters returning: Offense (9):** Ryan Collins, QB, 6-2/190. Jr.; Tirrell Greene, G, 6-3/300, Sr.; Jonathan Harris, FL/KR, 5-9/165, Sr.; Chris T. Jones, SE, 6-4/210, Sr.; K.C. Jones, C, 6-2/255, Soph.; Zev Lumelski, T, 6-7/310, Sr.; Ricky Perry, T, 6-7/310, Jr.; A.C. Tellison, FL, 6-4/205, Sr.; Syll Tucker, TE, 6-6/230, Jr. **Defense (4):** Corwin Francis, LB, 6-0/218, Sr.; Rohan Marley, LB, 5-8/205, Jr.; C.J. Richardson, FS, 6-1/200, Sr.; Warren Sapp, T, 6-3/300, Jr. **Kickers (2):** Mike Crissy, P, 5-10/175, Jr.; Dane Prewitt, K, 5-11/192, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** Kevin Brinkworth, LB, Jr.; James Burgess, LB, Soph.; Dietrich Clausell, TE, Sr.; Frank Costa, QB, Sr.; Jammi German, FL/KR, Soph.; Kenny Holmes, DE, Soph.; J. Ina, OT, Soph.; Carlos Jones, CB, Soph.; Larry Jones, FB, Sr.; Ray Lewis, LB, Soph.; Malcolm Pearson, SS, Sr.; Pat Riley, DT, Sr.; Twan Russell, LB, Soph.; Baraka Short, DE, Sr.; James Stewart, FB, Soph.; Alan Symonette, OG, Jr.; Chad Wilson, CB, Sr. (RS/knee).

**Top newcomers:** Cameron Binion, DL, Fr.; Ryan Clement, QB, Fr.; Tony Gaiter, RB/WR, Soph. (JC); Omar Rolle, WR, Fr.

**Schedule:** Georgia Southern, Sept. 3; at Arizona State, Sept. 10; Washington, Sept. 24; at Rutgers, Oct. 1; Florida State,

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# PRESEASON ALL-BIG EAST TEAM

## PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

### OFFENSE



TERRELL  
WILLIS  
TB, Rutgers

### DEFENSE



WARREN  
SAPP  
T, Miami

### NEWCOMERS OF THE YEAR

OFFENSE: Tony Gaiter, RB/WR, Miami

DEFENSE: Rudy Smith, E, Rutgers

## FIRST TEAM

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	ANTONIO FREEMAN, Virginia Tech	6-1/195	Sr.
WR	CHRIS T. JONES, Miami	6-4/210	Sr.
TE	PETE MITCHELL, Boston College	6-2/238	Sr.
T	REUBEN BROWN, Pittsburgh	6-4/305	Sr.
T	ZEV LUMELSKI, Miami	6-7/310	Sr.
C	JOHN SUMMERDAY, Temple	6-2/282	Jr.
G	TIRRELL GREENE, Miami	6-3/300	Sr.
G	GREG LANDRY, Boston College	6-4/301	Jr.
QB	MAURICE DeSHAZO, Virginia Tech	6-1/197	Sr.
RB	TERRELL WILLIS, Rutgers	6-0/200	Soph.
RB	CURTIS MARTIN, Pittsburgh	6-0/200	Sr.

### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	PAT RILEY, Miami	6-6/240	Sr.
DL	WARREN SAPP, Miami	6-3/300	Jr.
DL	KEIF BRYANT, Rutgers	6-4/270	Sr.
LB	KEN BROWN, Virginia Tech	6-2/233	Sr.
LB	MIKE MAMULA, Boston College	6-5/242	Jr.
LB	TOM TUMULTY, Pittsburgh	6-4/240	Jr.
LB	STEPHEN BOYD, Boston College	6-1/235	Sr.
DB	C.J. RICHARDSON, Miami	6-1/200	Sr.
DB	ANTONIO BANKS, Virginia Tech	5-10/191	Soph.
DB	MICHAEL REED, Boston College	5-9/177	Sr.
DB	DAVID MAYFIELD, West Virginia	5-11/185	Sr.

### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	DANE PREWITT, Miami	5-11/192	Jr.
P	TODD SAUERBRUN, West Virginia	6-0/200	Sr.
KR	RAHSAAN VANTERPOOL, W. Virginia	6-0/169	Soph.

## SECOND TEAM

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	MARVIN HARRISON, Syracuse	6-0/174	Jr.
WR	CLARENCE CANNON, Boston College	5-10/167	Sr.
TE	MARCO BATTAGLIA, Rutgers	6-3/240	Jr.
T	KEN DAMMANN, Rutgers	6-5/277	Sr.
T	PETE KENDALL, Boston College	6-5/286	Jr.
C	BILLY CONATY, Virginia Tech	6-3/294	Soph.
G	CHRIS MALONE, Virginia Tech	6-3/282	Jr.
G	TOM ROB SOCK, West Virginia	6-5/288	Sr.
QB	RAY LUCAS, Rutgers	6-3/200	Jr.
RB	WAYNE THOMAS, Virginia Tech	5-11/206	Jr.
RB	ROBERT WALKER, West Virginia	5-10/196	Jr.

### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	TOM BARNDT, Pittsburgh	6-4/275	Sr.
DL	STEVE PERKINS, West Virginia	6-2/244	Sr.
DL	BARRY HAWKINS, West Virginia	6-4/285	Sr.
LB	ROHAN MARLEY, Miami	5-8/205	Jr.
LB	LANCE JOHNSTONE, Temple	6-3/242	Jr.
LB	DAN CONLEY, Syracuse	6-2/248	Sr.
LB	MATT TAFFONI, West Virginia	6-1/220	Sr.
DB	TONY JONES, Syracuse	6-4/200	Sr.
DB	MICHAEL ROBERTS, Rutgers	5-11/175	Soph.
DB	ROBERT McWILLIAMS, Temple	5-11/172	Jr.
DB	DAVID SUMNER, Pittsburgh	6-2/200	Jr.

### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	RYAN WILLIAMS, Virginia Tech	6-4/255	Sr.
P	MIKE CRISSY, Miami	5-10/175	Jr.
KR	JONATHAN HARRIS, Miami	5-9/165	Sr.

Oct. 8; at West Virginia, Oct. 22; Virginia Tech, Oct. 29; at Syracuse, Nov. 5; Pittsburgh, Nov. 12; at Temple, Nov. 19; Boston College, Nov. 26.  
Last league title won: 1992.  
Site: Coral Gables, Fla.

## WEST VIRGINIA

**Offensive strengths:** West Virginia's talent at running back is equal to any school in the conference. Robert Walker and Jimmy Gary leave few carries for fullback Jim Freeman, who blocks anything that moves. Running behind what should be a solid line, the backs will have to take pressure off an inexperienced passing game.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Last season, Coach Don Nehlen had two starting quarterbacks with experience—Jake Kelchner and Darren Studstill. This year, he has none. Michigan transfer Eric Boykin and sophomore Chad Johnston are the top two candidates, but neither will be helped by a young receiving corps.

**Defensive strengths:** If Miami's line is tops in the conference, West Virginia's can't be far behind. Try blocking tackle Barry Hawkins and ends John Browning and Steve Perkins. Across the board, this might be the most physical defense in the conference.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Nehlen might want to phone Miami Coach Dennis Erickson and ask for tips on rebuilding a linebacking corps. At least Nehlen has one proven commodity in Matt Taffoni, the emotional leader of the defense.

**Special teams:** Todd Sauerbrun might be the best punter in the nation, and he's capable of converting the 50-yard field goal, too. Kicker Tom Mazzone is accurate from short distances. Rahsaan Vanterpool averaged 28.7 yards per kickoff return last season.

**Key to success:** The difference between a

major bowl and a minor bowl will depend upon how quickly a starting quarterback matures.

**Outlook:** The last time West Virginia posted an 11-0 regular-season mark (1988), it started a four-year slide that saw the Mountaineers fail to make a bowl appearance in three seasons. Whereas the 1988 team was loaded with fifth-year seniors, 11 starters return from last year's squad, which is why the Mountaineers agreed to open the season against Nebraska in the Kickoff Classic. Without a returning starter at quarterback, West Virginia will begin the season 0-1, but the '94 campaign should end in a bowl game.

**Coach Don Nehlen says:** "Call it rebuilding. Call it reloading. Call it whatever you want. When you lose 27 seniors, you've got some work to do."

**MOUNTAINEERS DATA** Coach: Don Nehlen (103-56-4, 14 years; 156-91-8 overall, 23 years).

**1993 record:** 11-1 (lost to Florida in Sugar Bowl). Big East: 7-0/1st.

**Key losses:** Mike Baker, WR; Rich Braham, OT; Tim Brown, LB; Mike Collins, SS; Scott Gaskins, DT; Ed Hill, WR; Dan Harless, C; Jake Kelchner, QB; Jim LeBlanc, OG; Tommy Orr, CB; Wes Richardson, LB; Nate Rine, TE; Derrick Wiley, DE; Dale Williams, OG; Rodney Woodard, RB (declared for NFL draft).

**Starters returning:** **Offense (4):** Jim Freeman, FB, 6-0/230, Sr.; Chris Klick, T, 6-8/284, Jr.; Tom Robsock, G, 6-5/268, Sr.; Robert Walker, TB, 5-10/196, Jr. **Defense (5):** Aaron Beasley, CB, 6-1/191, Jr.; Barry Hawkins, T, 6-4/285, Sr.; David Mayfield, FS, 5-11/185, Sr.; Steve Perkins, E, 6-2/244, Sr.; Matt Taffoni, LB, 6-1/220, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Tom Mazzone, K, 5-10/152, Sr.; Todd Sauerbrun, P/K, 6-0/200, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Zach Abraham, WR, Sr.; John Browning, DE, Jr. (status uncertain; suspended in off-season); Calvin Edwards, OT, Sr.; Jimmy Gary, TB, Jr.; Chad Johnston, QB, Soph.; Mike Logan, CB, Soph.; Lovett Purnell, TE, Jr.; Rahsaan Vanterpool, WR/KR, Soph.; Vann Washington, DB, Soph.; Puppy Wright, LB, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Kantroy Barber, FB, Jr. (transfer/Colorado); Frank Birts, DT, Soph. (Prop 48); Eric Boykin, QB, Soph. (transfer/Michigan); Henry Slay, DE, Fr. (RS); James Thomas, LB, Jr. (JC); Eldridge Williams, DB, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** Nebraska (Kickoff Classic at East Rutherford, N.J.),

Aug. 28; at Ball State, Sept. 3; at Rutgers, Sept. 10; Maryland, Sept. 17; at Virginia Tech, Sept. 22; at Missouri, Oct. 1; at Pittsburgh, Oct. 15; Miami (Fla.), Oct. 22; Louisiana Tech, Oct. 29; at Temple, Nov. 12; Boston College, Nov. 19; Syracuse, Nov. 24.  
Last league title won: 1993.  
Site: Morgantown, W.Va.

## VIRGINIA TECH

**Offensive strengths:** Quarterback Maurice DeShazo's ability to get to the corner puts tremendous pressure on defenses. And his understanding of the game allows Virginia Tech Coach Frank Beamer to sleep at night. DeShazo threw more than three times as many touchdowns (22) as interceptions (seven) last season. With split end Antonio Freeman and tailback Dwayne Thomas on hand, the Hokies can score from any point on the field.

**Offensive weaknesses:** The loss of All-America center Jim Pyne left Virginia Tech with a gaping hole in the middle of its line. The Hokies plugged it by moving tackle Billy Conaty to center. It solved one problem but created another: Virginia Tech now needs to find two tackles and a tight end.

**Defensive strengths:** In order for a defense to be great, it needs impact players. The Hokies have them at three positions. End Cornell Brown will emerge as one of the best, linebacker Ken Brown already is and safety Antonio Banks was the most valuable defensive player in the Independence Bowl.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The Hokies' defense improved last season after switching from the wide-tackle-six to the 4-3. But Virginia Tech still allowed 22.7 points per game and gave up 13 scoring plays of 20 or more yards.

**Special teams:** This area could prevent Virginia Tech from playing in a major bowl. In '93, Ryan Williams missed five extra points and hit just six of 11 field-goal attempts. Once



again, Freeman and Thomas figure to handle returns. Also, punter Robbie Colley, who averaged 38.4 yards in '93, returns.

**Key to success:** Keeping DeShazo healthy. The Hokies should adjust to new offensive coordinator Gary Tranquill. Adjusting to a new quarterback and a new offensive coordinator might be too much to overcome.

**Outlook:** Beamer was the coach on the hot seat last season. Now he's the toast of Blacksburg. Sometimes nice guys don't finish last. With DeShazo leading an explosive offense and second-year defensive coordinator Phil Elmassian motivating the defense, a major bowl bid is on the horizon.

**Coach Frank Beamer says:** "This is just a sign of things to come. I have visions of Virginia Tech reaching even greater heights. The sky is the limit."

#### HOKIES DATA Coach: Frank Beamer (33-43-2, 7

years; 75-66-4 overall, 13 years).

**1993 record:** 9-3 (beat Indiana in Independence Bowl). Big East: 4-3/4th.

**Key losses:** Chris Barry, OT; John Burke, TE; Tyrone Drakeford, CB; Scott Jones, CB; DeWayne Knight, LB; Jim Pyne, C; Joe Swann, FB, Steve Sanders, FL.

**Starters returning: Offense (6):** Billy Conaty, T (will move to C), 6-3/294, Soph.; Maurice DeShazo, QB, 6-1/197, Sr.; Antonio Freeman, SE, 6-1/195, Sr.; Chris Malone, G, 6-3/282, Jr.; Damien McMahon, G, 6-4/302, Sr.; Dwayne Thomas, TB, 5-11/206, Jr. **Defense (8):** Antonio Banks, S, 5-10/191, Soph.; Cornell Brown, E, 6-2/228, Soph.; Ken Brown, LB, 6-2/233, Sr.; George DelRico, LB, 6-1/220, Jr.; Torrian Gray, S, 6-0/190, Soph.; Waverly Jackson, T, 6-3/290, Soph.; Lawrence Lewis, E, 6-2/235, Jr.; J.C. Price, T, 6-3/283, Jr. **Kickers (2):** Robbie Colley, P, 6-1/229, Sr.; Ryan Williams, K, 6-4/255, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Mike Bianchin, OT, Jr.; Danny Dunbar, CB, Soph. (RS); Brian Edmonds, FB, Soph.; Jay Hagood, OT, Soph.; Bryan Jennings, TE, Soph.; William Yarborough, CB, Jr. **Top newcomers:** Tom Harsanyi, LB, Fr. (RS); Corey Irby, LB, Fr. (RS); Ken Oxendine, TB, Fr.; Shawn Scales, FL, Fr. (RS); Jon Scott, S, Fr. (RS); Baron Spinner, CB, Fr. (RS); Sean Sullivan, DE, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** at Kansas State, Sept. 3; at Southern Mississippi, Sept. 10; at Boston College, Sept. 17; at West Virginia, Sept. 22; at Syracuse, Oct. 1; Temple, Oct. 8; at East Carolina, Oct. 15; Pittsburgh, Oct. 22; at Miami (Fla.), Oct. 29; Rutgers, Nov. 12; Virginia, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** None.

**Site:** Blacksburg, Va.

## BOSTON COLLEGE

**Offensive strengths:** The line is a year away from being one of the best in college football. Tackle Pete Kendall, tight end Pete Mitchell



MITCHELL LAYTON

Boston College linebacker Stephen Boyd is conjuring up memories of former Eagles star Bill Romanowski.

and guard Greg Landry all could have professional careers. Landry needs to hit the books to retain his eligibility.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Sophomore Mark Hartsell, redshirt freshman Matt Hasselbeck and true freshman Scott Mutryn could be great college quarterbacks one day. But the Eagles need one of them to be a good quarterback September 3, when they open the season at Michigan.

**Defensive strengths:** Two years ago, Michael Reed and Joe Kamara were the two pieces of toast in a BLT. Now, the two juniors give Boston College as good a pair of cornerbacks as there is in the conference. Linebacker Stephen Boyd is conjuring up memories of former Eagles star Bill Romanowski. Fellow linebacker Mike Mamula is a fierce pass rusher.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Tackle Ted Page held a young front seven together last season, but he has departed. Without Page, an impact player must step forward on the line.

**Special teams:** David Gordon, the hero of last year's Notre Dame game, returns to handle placements. Last year, he hit seven of 11 field goals and missed only one extra point. Jeff Beckley ranked fourth in the Big East in punting last season (40.6 average).

**Keys to success:** How quickly can the Eagles adjust to a new coaching staff, and will they play as hard for Dan Henning as they did for Tom Coughlin? Henning already found himself behind the eight ball in spring practice, when the worst winter in 20 years wreaked havoc with the practice schedule.

**Outlook:** The Eagles will be one of college football's biggest question marks in 1994. They're coming off a 9-3 record that included the thrilling win at Notre Dame and a domination of a solid Virginia team in the Carquest Bowl. Boston College has had Top 10 recruiting classes the last two years, plus a lot of talent returns from last year's squad. But Coughlin bailed out early when the NFL's Jaguars beckoned, and he took virtually his entire coaching staff with him. Henning is an experienced NFL coach, but he has been out of the college game for 20 years and never been a college head coach. And for the first time in four years, someone other than Glenn Foley will start at quarterback. It could be boom or bust for Boston College this season.

**Coach Dan Henning says:** "The values and goals of Boston College were in place before Dan Henning and before Tom Coughlin. The goal is to compete at the highest level, but we're not going to compromise in any way, shape or form our screening process in regards to student/athletes. If you do a good job on the front end, you get good results on the back end."

#### EAGLES DATA Coach: Dan Henning (first year).

**1993 record:** 9-3 (beat Virginia in Carquest Bowl). Big East: 5-2/3rd.

**Key losses:** Marc Borrelli, OG; Darnell Campbell, FB; Glenn Foley, QB; Brian Howlett, LB; Dan Kerr, LB; Keith Miller, FL; Tom Nalen, C; Ted Page, DT.

**Starters returning: Offense (6):** Clarence Cannon, SE, 5-10/167, Sr.; David Green, TB, 5-11/193, Sr.; Pete Kendall, T, 6-5/286, Jr.; Greg Landry, G, 6-4/301, Jr.; Pete Mitchell, TE, 6-2/238, Sr.; Dan Oriskovich, T, 6-3/290, Soph. **Defense (8):** Stephen Boyd, LB, 6-1/235, Sr.; Joe Kamara, CB, 5-9/174, Sr.; Mike Mamula, LB, 6-5/242, Jr.; Tim Morabito, NG, 6-3/266, Jr.; Michael Reed, CB, 5-9/177, Sr.; Eric Shorter, SS, 5-10/187, Sr.; Chris Sullivan, T, 6-5/273, Jr.; Terence Wiggins, FS, 5-11/192, Jr. **Kickers (2):** Jeff Beckley, P, 6-1/182, Sr.; David Gordon, K, 6-0/181, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Anthony Comer, TB, Sr.; Brent Gibbons,



DAVID L. GREENE

With players like Dwayne Thomas, Virginia Tech can score from any point on the field.

TE, Soph.; Greg Grice, SE, Jr.; Mark Hartsell, QB, Soph.; Gordon Laro, TE, Sr.; Daryl Porter, CB, Soph.; Tony Ransome, CB, Jr.; Dwight Shirley, FB, Sr.; Ben Velishka, OT, Sr.; Kenyatta Watson, SE, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Steve Everson, WR, Fr. (RS); Matt Hasselbeck, QB, Fr. (RS); Scott Mutryn, QB, Fr.; Omari Walker, RB, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** at Michigan, Sept. 3; Virginia Tech, Sept. 17; at Pittsburgh, Sept. 24; Notre Dame, Oct. 8; Temple, Oct. 15; Rutgers, Oct. 22; at Arkansas, Oct. 29; at Louisville, Nov. 3; Syracuse, Nov. 12; at West Virginia, Nov. 19; at Miami (Fla.), Nov. 26.

**Last league title won:** None.

**Site:** Chestnut Hill, Mass.

## SYRACUSE

**Offensive strengths:** Weapons, weapons, weapons. At this point, they're somewhat secret weapons. Here are the names you should listen for: Running backs Malcolm Thomas and Tebucky Jones, and receivers Marvin Harrison and Jim Turner. Fifth-year senior quarterback Kevin Mason, who finally gets to start, doesn't have to be a star. He has plenty of those around him.

**Offensive weaknesses:** If Mason gets hurt, there isn't an experienced backup on the roster. So what are the chances of Mason getting hurt? Well, Syracuse needs to find two starters on the line, where there isn't great depth.

**Defensive strengths:** In the last several years, Syracuse has signed one of the top high school linebackers from Georgia (Scott Freeney), New Jersey (Nate Hemsley), Florida (Antwaune Ponds) and Massachusetts (Dana Cottrell). All four could start this season, which would give the Orangemen great athleticism.

**Defensive weaknesses:** For four years, noseguard Kevin Mitchell anchored the Syracuse defense. Last season, he was flanked by the solid Ernie Brown. Both are gone, leaving Syracuse to replace two-thirds of its starting line. The one returning starter, tackle Wilky Bazile, has yet to show he can be a dominant player.

**Special teams:** Traditionally, this is an area of strength for the Orangemen. However,

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Syracuse must replace Pat O'Neill, the league's special teams player of the year in '93. In his career, O'Neill placed 176 of 244 kickoffs into the end zone, resulting in 147 touchbacks. Syracuse had a built-in advantage in field position. Not anymore.

**Key to success:** Since 1987, Syracuse is tied for the eighth winningest program in Division I-A football (62-18-4). But the Orangemen are coming off a 6-4-1 season. They're young, and they open the season playing host to Oklahoma. Their early-season fate could make or break the Orangemen.

**Outlook:** Something happened on the way to a national championship last season—Syracuse never got there. The bottom line is that many of the seniors who worked to make Syracuse a national contender stopped working hard last season. As a result, the Orangemen's streak of six straight bowl appearances ended. During that reign of success, however, Syracuse brought in a wealth of talent. Those highly regarded prospects will get their chance this season. Look for a less-experienced-yet-more-intense Syracuse team in '94.

**Coach Paul Pasqualoni says:** "We don't have any so-called superstars this year. We're relatively young and inexperienced. Without any so-called big-name guys, this group is going to have to overachieve."

**ORANGEMEN DATA** Coach: Paul Pasqualoni (26-8-1, 3 years; 60-25-1 overall, 8 years).

**1993 record:** 6-4-1. Big East: 3-4/5th.

**Key losses:** Kyle Adams, OT; Ernie Brown, DT; Marvin Graves, QB; Bob Grosvenor, SS; Shelby Hill, WR; Dwayne Joseph, CB; Kevin Mitchell, NG; Pat O'Neill, K/P; John Reagan, C; Terry Richardson, TB; Chip Todd, LB; Al Wooten, FB.

**Starters returning:** Offense (5): Eric Chenoweth, TE, 6-3/234, Sr.; Cy Ellsworth, G, 6-3/281, Jr.; Marvin Harrison, WR, 6-0/174, Jr.; Melvin Tuten, T, 6-6/302, Sr.; Dave Wohlabaugh, G (will move to C), 6-4/279, Sr. Defense (6): Wilky Bazile, T, 6-3/277, Sr.; Bryce Beville, CB, 5-9/191, Sr.; Scott Freeney, LB, 6-2/247, Soph.; Nate Hemsley, LB, 6-0/212, Soph.; Tony Jones, FS, 6-4/200, Sr.; Greg Shaw, LB, 6-2/214, Soph. Kickers: None.

**Other key returnees:** Antonio Anderson, DT, Soph.; Dan Conley, LB, Sr. (RS/knee); Dana Cottrell, LB, Soph.; Kirby Dar Dar, TB, Sr.; Ed Hobson, NG, Sr.; Kevin Mason, QB, Sr.; Sean Reali, P/K, Soph.; Malcolm Thomas, RB, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Mike Butler, DE, Jr. (JC); Tebucky Jones, RB, Fr. (RS); Duwayne Morgan, LB, Fr. (RS); Dan Olvis, OL, Jr. (JC); Antwaune Ponds, LB, Fr. (RS); Jim Turner, WR, Fr. (RS); Larry Tyger, QB, Fr. (RS); Jason Walters, LB, Fr. (RS); Roland Williams, TE, Fr. (RS). **Schedule:** Oklahoma, Sept. 3; at Cincinnati, Sept. 10; Rutgers, Sept. 17; at East Carolina, Sept. 24; Virginia Tech, Oct. 1; Pittsburgh, Oct. 8; at Temple, Oct. 22; Miami (Fla.), Nov. 5; at Boston College, Nov. 12; Maryland, Nov. 19; at West Virginia, Nov. 24.

**Last league title won:** None.

**Site:** Syracuse, N.Y.

## RUTGERS

**Offensive strengths:** There isn't a better tailback combination in the nation than Bruce Presley and Terrell Willis, the last two Big East Rookies of the Year. Willis broke Herschel Walker's

NCAA freshman all-purpose yardage record by totaling 2,206 yards last season.

**Offensive weaknesses:** The top two returning wide receivers have a grand total of 19 career catches. Quarterback Ray Lucas is 5-7 as a starter. If the Scarlet Knights lack a quality passing game, defenses will stack up against the run.

**Defensive strengths:** The switch to a 4-3 scheme should allow tackle Keif Bryant to emerge as one of the top linemen in the conference. It also will take some pressure off a young linebacking corps that is a year away from being very good.

**Defensive weaknesses:** If the spring game is any indication, the defense will be as vulnerable as it was last season. Willis ran for 195 yards on nine carries. Ugh. The Scarlet Knights are talking a good game, saying they're excited by the switch to a 4-3. But the confidence level can't be high after last season.

**Special teams:** It's not often a punter gets a scholarship, but redshirt freshman Jared Sloan received one last year. He'll have to prove he's worthy of it this year. The place-kicking job is wide open. The only proven weapon is Willis, who can break any kickoff return for a touchdown.

**Key to success:** First, let's define what would be successful for Rutgers—a .500 record. It will be hard to achieve. The early-season schedule is relentless. Rutgers must win one of four games against West Virginia, Syracuse, Penn State and Miami.

**Outlook:** Doug Graber seemed to have this program moving in the right direction—until last season's 4-7 setback. Several players

were suspended for violating team rules, if not the law. The Scarlet Knights had to play their home games at Giants Stadium while Rutgers Stadium was being renovated and expanded. The defense was horrendous, allowing 400.4 yards and 30.4 points per game. An improved defense, led by first-year coordinator John Gutekunst, and a return to Rutgers Stadium, where the Scarlet Knights are 10-0 under Graber, could inspire the Knights to surprise some teams.

**Coach Doug Graber says:** "We've had a different sense about this team right from the end of last season. In the locker room after the last game, we challenged the young players on this team to come back with a team purpose. This team may not be as talented as last year's, but it will be more together."

## SCARLET KNIGHTS DATA

Coach: Doug Graber

(20-24, 4 years; 26-29 overall, 5 years).

**1993 record:** 4-7. Big East: 1-6/7th.

**Key losses:** Bill Bailey, FB; Andrew Beckett, DE; Jay Bellamy, FS; John Benestad, K; Chris Brantley, WR; Bryan Fortay, QB; Mario Henry, WR; Jamil Jackson, LB; Malik Jackson, SS; Scott Patkochis, OG; Mike Spitzer, OG; George Stewart, LB; Scott Vaughn, OT.

**Starters returning:** Offense (5): Marco Battaglia, TE, 6-3/240, Jr.; John Bleich, C, 6-2/280, Sr.; Ken Dammann, T, 6-5/277, Sr.; Ray Lucas, QB, 6-3/200, Jr.; Bruce Presley, TB, 5-10/215, Jr. Defense (6): Keif Bryant, T, 6-4/270, Sr.; Mike Fullman, CB, 5-10/180, Soph.; Michael Roberts, CB, 5-11/175, Soph.; Bob Sneathen, E, 6-1/225, Sr.; Rusty Swartz, LB, 6-2/230, Soph.; Rashod Swinger, T, 6-3/286, Soph. Kickers (1): Nick Sheremetta, P, 6-3/210, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** Shawn Devlin, DT, Soph.; Reggie Funderburk, WR, Soph.; Pat Gorman, OG, Jr.; Jim Guamera, DE/DT, Jr.; Thomas Kelly, FS, Soph.; Chris Kennedy, OT, Jr.; John Komar, OG, Soph.; Keith Price, DB, Sr.; Brian Sheridan, LB, Soph.; Bruce Spaulding, LB, Jr.; Shane Spells, DE, Sr.;

Mark Washington, SS, Jr.; Terrell Willis, TB, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Robert Barr, OT, Jr. (JC); Joe Diggs, RB, Fr. (RS); Jonathan Gibbs, WR, Jr. (JC); Steve Harper, WR, Fr. (RS); Robert Higgins, QB, Jr. (JC); Jack McKiernan, C, Fr. (RS); Jared Sloan, P, Fr. (RS); Rudy Smith, DE, Jr. (transfer/Maryland); Charles Woolridge, TE, Fr. (RS/foot).

**Schedule:** Kent Sept. 3; at West Virginia, Sept. 10; at Syracuse, Sept. 17; at Penn State, Sept. 24; Miami (Fla.), Oct. 1; Army, Oct. 8; Cincinnati, Oct. 15; at Boston College, Oct. 22; Temple, Nov. 5; at Virginia Tech, Nov. 12; at Pittsburgh, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** None.

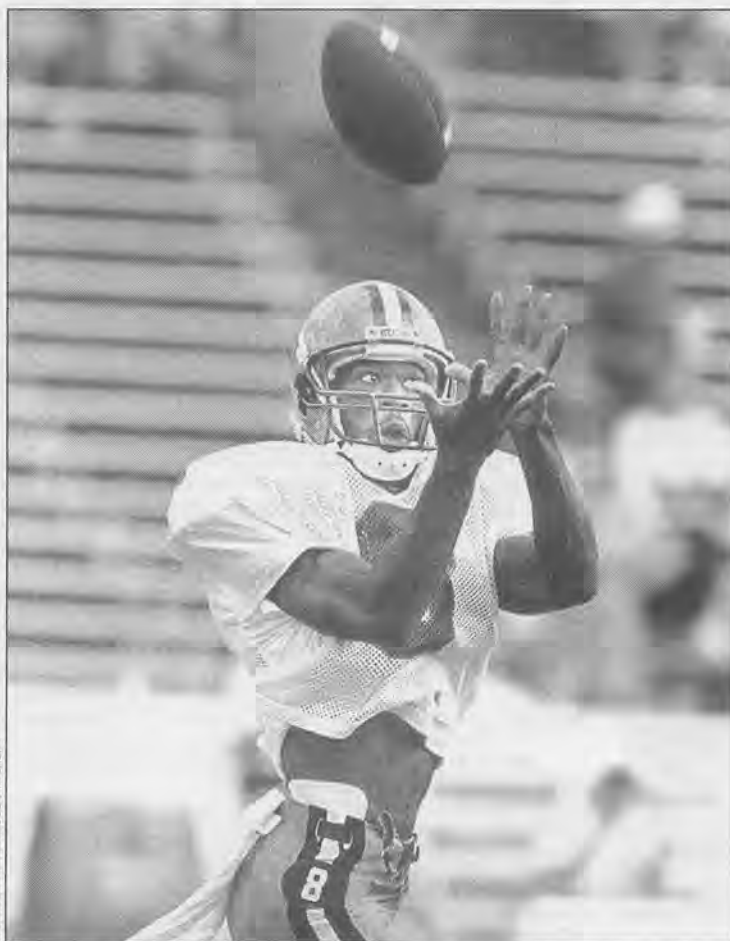
**Site:** New Brunswick, N.J.

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## PITTSBURGH

**Offensive strengths:** Run tailback Curtis Martin over tackle Reuben Brown 35 times a game. Martin is Pitt's best back since Tony Dorsett. Brown is the Panthers' best lineman since Mark Stepnoski. Martin's ability to make yardage after being hit is truly remarkable. In addition to Brown, Pitt has some strength up front in center Lawson Mollica and tackle Matt Bloom.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Panthers Coach Johnny Majors spent the spring auditioning quarterbacks, and it became obvious that there isn't a great one on the roster. That means there's no one to get the ball deep to Dietrich Jells, a true



Among Syracuse's offensive weapons is junior wide receiver Marvin Harrison, who must adjust to a new quarterback this season.





Pittsburgh defensive tackle Tom Barndt is big and tough and knows one speed—all out.

blazer who is injury-prone.

**Defensive strengths:** Tom Tumulty is a line-backer in the classic Pitt tradition: He's big and tough and knows one speed—all out. Ditto for tackle Tom Barndt. In end Zatiti Moody, linebacker Dell Seagraves, cornerback Denorse Mosley and strong safety David Sumner, the Panthers have some athleticism. They also have 10 starters returning.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Because the offense is so bad, the defense is forced to spend too much time on the field. The first unit is a legitimate Division I-A squad, but the depth is suspect.

**Special teams:** Jells, who had a promising '93 season ended by surgery on both knees, can put six points on the board in a hurry, and Steve Kalmanides is a solid kicker who needs to improve his range. Kalmanides' longest field goal last year was 36 yards. Finding a long snapper is a priority.

**Keys to success:** With the schedule Pitt plays, combined with a lack of quality players and experienced depth, the Panthers must stay healthy. One of three quarterbacks, returning starter John Ryan, junior college transfer Sean Fitzgerald or redshirt freshman Pete Gonzalez, must step forward.

**Outlook:** Pitt won three games last season, which is two more than Majors thought the Panthers would win in his return to the Steel City. Another three-victory season also would have to be considered a success based on the rebuilding that is taking place. While the Panthers reshape their personnel, Pitt Stadium is scheduled to be renovated and an entire football complex will be built. The overall talent level is still way down, and it will take several great recruiting classes before the Panthers, who play one of the nation's toughest schedules, start to rebound. Majors' first two recruiting classes have been average, and he's counting on some junior college players to provide immediate help in 1994.

**Coach Johnny Majors says:** "I know some people are going to think I've been in this business too long but this is a very, very ex-

citing time for Pitt football. We're in the middle of a very ambitious master plan that will return Pitt football to prominence."

#### PANTHERS DATA Coach: Johnny Majors (36-21-1,

5 years; 176-113-10 overall, 26 years).

**1993 record:** 3-8. Big East: 2-5/6th.

**Key losses:** Junior Green, WR; Dave Kristofic, OG; Lamont Liggett, OG; Doug Whaley, FS.

**Starters returning: Offense (8):** Raymond Belvin, TE, 6-3/240, Jr.; Matt Bloom, T, 6-6/320, Sr.; Reuben Brown, T, 6-4/305, Sr.; Billy Davis, WR, 6-2/200, Sr.; Chad Dukes, FB, 6-1/215, Sr.; Curtis Martin, TB, 6-0/200, Sr.; Lawson Mollica, C, 6-4/275, Sr.; John Ryan, QB, 6-3/210, Jr. **Defense (10):** Tom Barndt, T, 6-4/275, Sr.; Mike Halapin, E, 6-5/275, Jr.; Jon McCray, LB, 6-2/210, Jr.; Zatiti Moody, E, 6-2/235, Jr.; Denorse Mosley, CB, 6-1/175, Soph.; Tim Robbins, T, 6-5/265, Soph.; Gerald Simpson, LB, 6-3/215, Sr.; David Sumner, SS, 6-2/200, Jr.; Tom Tumulty, LB, 6-4/240, Jr.; Maurice Williams, CB, 5-11/185, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Nate Cochran, P, 6-5/210, Soph.; Steve Kalmanides, K, 6-0/185, Soph.

**Other key returnees:** Dietrich Jells, WR, Sr. (RS/knee); Dell Seagraves, E (will move to LB), Jr.

**Top newcomers:** Sean Fitzgerald, QB, Jr. (JC); Pete Gonzalez, QB, Fr. (RS); Ricky Rowe, FS, Jr. (transfer/Penn State); Tyler Young, DT, Jr. (transfer/Notre Dame).

**Schedule:** Texas, Sept. 3; Ohio University, Sept. 10; Ohio State, Sept. 17; Boston College, Sept. 24; at Louisville, Oct. 1; at Syracuse, Oct. 8; West Virginia, Oct. 15; at Virginia Tech, Oct. 22; Temple, Oct. 29; at Miami (Fla.), Nov. 12; Rutgers, Nov. 19. **Last league title won:** None.

**Site:** Pittsburgh.

#### TEMPLE

**Offensive strengths:** The line is solid, led by outstanding center John Summerday, and there is some depth at running back. Flanker Marc Baxter, a converted quarterback, is a great all-purpose threat. Look for Temple to get him the ball any way possible.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Temple quarterbacks Henry Burris and Phil Lang combined to throw 14 interceptions and six touchdowns and complete fewer than 40 percent of their passes last season. A team lacking talent can't be generous with the ball.

**Defensive strengths:** Linebacker Lance Johnstone certainly is on the field enough to be one of the conference's leading tacklers, which he was with 84 tackles in 1993. His talent, desire and versatility allow him to make plays all over the field. He tied teammate James Spears for the Big East lead in fumbles caused (four) and paced league linebackers in passes defended (seven). He's an offensive coordinator's nightmare.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The defensive backs, who are very talented but also very inexperienced, will get little help from the linemen in terms of a pass rush. Last year, Temple recorded just 11 sacks and ranked 105th out of 106 Division I-A schools in total defense (497.5 yards per game), which supported Coach Ron Dickerson's claim that Temple was the physically weakest team in America. Muscle will remain a problem in '94.

**Special teams:** This is a strength. Last year, Richard Maston converted all 14 extra-point kicks, but he made only three of seven field-goal attempts. John Shay averaged 40.5 yards per punt and dropped eight inside the 20-yard line.

**Key to success:** The sooner the young players start to excel, the better. Success, in terms of more wins than losses, is still years away.

**Outlook:** Both the short-term and long-term pictures look grim. The Owls have just two victories over Division I-A opponents in the last three seasons. Their bid to join the Big East Conference in all sports failed, and even with the great population base in the Northeast, Temple is hard-pressed to convince top-

flight talent to attend an inner-city university with no on-campus facility. Temple, however, can offer recruits one thing no other Big East school can: immediate playing time. Dickerson will continue his policy of not redshirting freshmen. If you choose Temple, you play. Unfortunately, you also lose.

**Coach Ron Dickerson says:** "Last year was our trial year, and to be honest we failed the trial. This year, I expect us to be a lot sounder football team. We can't make the mistakes we made last year, like getting three punts blocked in one game or having guys not knowing whether it was third and one or second and seven. If anything, we're going to be a sound football team this year."

#### OWLS DATA Coach: Ron Dickerson (1-10, 1 year).

**1993 record:** 1-10. Big East: 0-7/8th.

**Key losses:** Tony Angelo, DB; Romando Davidson, DB; Kyle Glasper, DB; Scott Holland, DT; Tre Johnson, OT; Davin Miles, DT; Dean Sholders, OT; Jason Thompson, LB; Glenn Tinner, OG.

**Starters returning: Offense (9):** Marc Baxter, FL, 6-1/190, Jr.; Henry Burris, QB, 6-2/190, Soph.; Randy Canzater, WR, 5-11/184, Soph.; Jon Clark, T, 6-6/320, Jr.; Danny Davis, RB, 5-10/180, Soph.; Tim Israel, WR, 5-11/180, Jr.; Ralphiel Mack, RB, 5-11/205, Sr.; Sidney Morse, FB, 6-0/220, Sr.; John Summerday, C, 6-2/282, Jr. **Defense (11):** Sean Carden, T, 6-2/258, Jr.; Frank Carter, DB, 5-9/186, Soph.; Keno Cox, FS, 6-1/185, Sr.; Adrian Drones, E, 6-1/245, Sr.; Lance Johnstone, LB, 6-3/242, Jr.; Tealang Lloyd, T, 6-2/231, Soph.; Ted McDuffie, DB, 6-0/177, Soph.; Robert McWilliams, CB, 5-11/172, Jr.; Alshemond Singleton, LB, 6-3/214, Soph.; James Spears, LB, 6-6/220, Sr.; Jon Swift, LB, 6-2/217, Soph. **Kickers (2):** Richard Maston, K, 5-11/192, Sr.; John Shay, P, 5-11/198, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** Ed Bowen, OG, Soph.; P.J. Cook, TE, Sr. (RS/toe); Jason Davis, DE, Soph.; Jeff Frederick, SE, Sr.; Corey Green, SS, Soph.; Eric Johnson, OG, Soph.; George Karayiannis, TE, Jr.; Phil Lang, QB, Sr.; Dan Lauture, FB, Soph.; Andre McClurkin, DT, Sr.; Andy Phipps, DT, Soph.; Tim Terry, LB, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Juan Gaddy, TB, Soph. (Prop 48); Damien Grant, DE, Fr. (RS); Robert Kelly, TE/DE, Fr.; Troy Kersey, WR, Fr. (RS); Jamaal Lee, CB, Fr.; Ramond Lee, RB, Fr.; Diego Pavia, DT, Jr. (transfer/Central Florida); Rick Smith, OT, Fr. (RS). **Schedule:** Akron, Sept. 1; East Carolina, Sept. 17; at Army, Sept. 24; Penn State, Oct. 1; at Virginia Tech, Oct. 8; at Boston College, Oct. 15; Syracuse, Oct. 22; at Pittsburgh, Oct. 29; at Rutgers, Nov. 5; West Virginia, Nov. 12; Miami (Fla.), Nov. 19. **Last league title won:** None.

**Site:** Philadelphia. ♦



Lance Johnstone's talent, desire and versatility allow him to make plays all over the field.



# SCOUTING THE BIG EAST

**Ascending:** Virginia Tech and Rutgers. The Hokies' resurgence goes beyond last season's 9-3 record and first bowl appearance since the 1986 season; Virginia Tech out-recruited Virginia within the state. If the \$28 million expansion/renovation of Rutgers Stadium doesn't push the Scarlet Knights over the top, nothing will.

**Descending:** Temple. Sure, kick a program when it's down. The fact the Owls have only two wins over Division I-A opponents in the last three seasons isn't the biggest problem. Being denied the chance to play basketball in the Big East could jeopardize the school's future in the conference. That's a potentially big problem. Also, there's no on-campus stadium and the Owls averaged only 7,712 fans at Veterans Stadium in 1993. Temple football is losing big-time money. Can a downgrade to Division I-AA be far away?

**Nightmare schedule:** Make that a "Knightmare schedule." After opening the season at home vs. Kent, Rutgers plays host to West Virginia, travels to Syracuse and Penn State and entertains Miami. Good luck, guys.

**Dream schedule:** Even though it decided to play Nebraska in the Kickoff Classic, West Virginia still can count its non-conference wins in its sleep: Ball State, Maryland, Missouri and Louisiana Tech.

**Best matchup of the year:** West Virginia at Virginia Tech, September 22. The winner probably finishes second in the conference. It will be a classic confrontation between the Hokies' offense and the Mountaineers' defense.

**Worst matchup of the year:** Miami at Temple, November 19. It's the Owls' last home game of the season, the weather probably will be lousy and the Hurricanes have won the last two meetings by a combined 90-7 score.

**Shocker of the year:** Syracuse over Oklahoma, September 3. Syracuse will start a new quarterback for the first time since the 1990 season. But the nation will learn quickly about running back Malcolm Thomas, as the Orangemen open their season with a victory over the Sooners in the Carrier Dome.

**Bowl bound:** Miami, Virginia Tech, West Virginia and Syracuse.

**Biggest shoes to fill:** Syracuse quarterback Kevin Mason has waited four years for a chance to start. Mason was stuck behind Marvin Graves, arguably the best quarterback in Orangemen history. Mason's spring practice was cut short by a broken bone in his hand, but he should be ready physically for the opener against Oklahoma. But will he be ready mentally to take on the Sooners?

**Most underrated player:** Miami linebacker Rohan Marley's late father, Bob, was

one of the most popular reggae singers of all time, which makes for a nice human-interest story but doesn't say anything about the Hurricane player's football talent. At 5-foot-8 and 205 pounds, "Rat" is hard to block and he hits like a rhino. Pound for pound, he's the toughest player in the Big East.

**Impact newcomers:** Eric Boykin, QB,

West Virginia, Soph. (transfer/Michigan); Sean Fitzgerald, QB, Pittsburgh, Jr. (JC); Tony Gaiter, RB/WR, Miami, Soph. (JC); Matt Hasselbeck, QB, Boston College, Fr. (RS); Ken Oxendine, TB, Virginia Tech, Fr.; Omar Rolle, WR, Miami, Fr.; Rudy Smith, DE, Rutgers, Jr. (transfer/Maryland); Jim Turner, WR, Syracuse, Fr. (RS).

## HONOR ROLL

Best offensive line: Miami	Best secondary: Boston College
Best offensive backfield: Rutgers	Best-hitting defensive back: David Mayfield, West Virginia
Best backup quarterback: Ryan Collins, Miami	Best kicking game: Miami
Best wide receivers: Miami	Best kick-coverage units: Miami
Best clutch receiver: Antonio Freeman, Virginia Tech	Best coaching staff: West Virginia
Best defensive line: Miami	Best coach: Dennis Erickson, Miami
Best-hitting defensive lineman: Tom Bamdt, Pittsburgh	Best Heisman candidate: Terrell Willis, TB, Rutgers
Best linebackers: Miami	Best pro prospect: Warren Sapp, DT, Miami
Best-hitting linebacker: Rohan Marley, Miami	

## RETURNING LEADERS

**Rushing:** Terrell Willis, Rutgers, 114.6 yds./game (195 att., 1,261 yds., 13 TDs, 6.5 avg.).

**Passing efficiency:** Maurice DeShazo, Virginia Tech, 157.5 rating pts. (230 att., 129 comp., 2,080 yds., 22 TDs).

**Total offense:** Maurice DeShazo, Virginia Tech, 197.9 yds./game (97 yds. rushing, 2,080 yds. passing, 2,177 total yds.).

**Receiving:** Pete Mitchell, Boston College, 6.0 rec./game (66 rec., 818 yds., 7 TDs, 12.4 avg.).

**Scoring:** Terrell Willis, Rutgers, 7.3 pts./game (13 TDs, 2 PATs, 0 FGs, 80 pts.).

**Punting:** Mike Crissy, Miami, 39.6 avg. (49 punts, 1,942 yds.).

**Punt returns:** Jammi German, Miami, 9.9 avg. (13 att., 129 yds., 0 TDs).

**Kickoff returns:** Terrell Willis, Rutgers, 23.5 avg. (30 att., 704 yds., 0 TDs).

**Field goals:** Dane Prewitt, Miami, 0.9 FGs/game (10/14 FGs, 71%).

**Interceptions:** David Mayfield, West Virginia, .36 int./game (4 int., 97 yds., 1 TD).



Virginia Tech's Maurice DeShazo is one of the Big East's premier quarterbacks.

he was heading to the NFL. He still signed a great recruiting class, and his game plan in Miami's 35-29 triumph at Colorado last year was nothing short of brilliant. Mark it down. Miami makes another strong run at a national championship and Erickson finally is recognized for his coaching prowess.

**Coach on the hot seat:** One of the true hypocrisies of college athletics is this: Schools claim they want a man of integrity who cares about academics. Rutgers has such a man in Doug Graber, who is 20-24 in four years in New Brunswick, N.J., and has convinced some of the state's best high school players to stay home. But the Scarlet Knights went 4-7 last season, and Graber will feel the heat if he turns in a second straight losing campaign.

**Best bets:** Miami will set an NCAA record when it wins its 58th straight home game by beating Division I-AA Georgia Southern in the Hurricanes' season opener September 3. After that, the question is, how much longer will the streak last? Miami's next two home games are against Washington and Florida State. . . . If Syracuse struggles again this season, listen to (but don't necessarily believe) rumors that former Big Orange coach Dick MacPherson will be asked to replace Paul Pasqualoni.

**Odds and ends:** Two of the best defensive players the conference has known will try to make comebacks this season from devastating knee injuries. Miami end Rusty Medearis hurt his knee so severely in 1992 that he also suffered nerve damage. He was not expected to play again but shocked the Miami coaching staff by participating in spring practice. Syracuse linebacker Dan Conley has had two reconstructive surgeries and nine procedures on his left knee since first hurting it in 1991. In an unusual move, the NCAA granted Conley a sixth year of eligibility because he has missed the majority of the last three seasons. . . . Rutgers lost linebacker Rusty Swartz for most of last season when he was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident. Three other Scarlet Knights also had bikes. Not this year. Coach Doug Graber "convinced" his players to find more conventional means of travel. ♦

—LENN ROBBINS



# Colorado-Nebraska may be best rivalry going

By JOHN HENDERSON

Denver Post

Yes, it has gotten nasty. Once, a Nebraska fan had a cup of urine poured on her at Colorado's Folsom Field. Then, a group of Colorado fans driving to Lincoln, Neb., saw the following bumper sticker the year after Buffaloes quarterback Sal Aunese died of stomach cancer: "Sal is dead. Go Big Red."

It is the only week of the regular season when Colorado Coach Bill McCartney closes practice. He distributes motivational T-shirts and delivers fire-and-brimstone speeches to his players. And while Tom Osborne never loses his IBM persona, the Cornhuskers' coach must acknowledge one thing: The Nebraska-Colorado rivalry has become one of the most heated and underrated in college football. The game has determined the Big Eight Conference champion the last five years and probably will do so again in 1994.

"This is why I coach here," McCartney said. "To be part of this game. I've always envisioned for it to be like this."

When McCartney arrived at Colorado in 1982, he realized the school really had no arch-rival. He polled fans as to which team they hated most. Nebraska won in a landslide. From then on, the Nebraska game has appeared in red letters on the Colorado schedule. McCartney won't allow coaches or even secretaries to wear red in the Colorado football offices.

Osborne merely sighed.

"I don't believe in bonfires or anti-Colorado campaigns," he said. "I never did that, and I'm never going to."

Both approaches have worked. McCartney improved Colorado's fortunes enough to beat Nebraska in 1989 and 1990, and the Cornhuskers have bounced back to beat the Buffaloes in each of the last two years. The teams tied in 1991.

"I personally am not hung up on individual games or individual teams or where they're ranked," Osborne said. "I know in the '70s there was a lot of talk that I couldn't beat Oklahoma. Well, I haven't beaten Oklahoma yet. Players do that. But we don't hear much about Oklahoma anymore."

The rivalry has spilled into the stands, too. One Nebraska fan said that when he drives to Boulder for games, he stops at the border to put a Colorado license plate on his car. The Buffaloes were cascaded with debris and insults as they walked through a gauntlet of fans following a 52-7 whipping in Lincoln in 1992. A full-scale brawl between fans broke out in a bar in Kearney, Neb., on the road between Denver and Lincoln.

Who knows? Auburn-Alabama may have met its match.

## NEBRASKA

**Offensive strengths:** Four of the five linemen who helped Nebraska finish third nationally in rushing are back. And they're huge. This also is the fastest offensive line in Tom Osborne's 22 seasons.

**Offensive weaknesses:** The returning tight ends have caught a combined four passes in

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their careers. Quarterback Tommie Frazier better not get hurt, either. Two of the top four signal-callers last spring were walk-ons.

**Defensive strengths:** The switch from a 5-2 to a 3-4 increased Nebraska's sack total from 35 to 44. All-league tackle Terry Connealy is back, and big things are expected of tackle Christian Peter. Sophomore lineman Larry Townsend was one of the nation's top recruits two years ago.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Cornerback Tyrone Williams was suspended while awaiting trial in a shooting incident, so the secondary probably will have three new starters.

**Special teams:** With punter/kicker Byron Bennett gone, Darin Erstad, an outfielder on the baseball team, will handle the punting and battle Tom Sieler for the place-kicking job.

**Keys to success:** The defensive line must fulfill its potential and the secondary must

solidify.

**Outlook:** Taking Florida State to the wire before losing in the Orange Bowl didn't make the Big Red blue. It made it red-hot for another title run. The Cornhuskers have the offense to contend for the national crown, with Frazier on the verge of becoming a great option quarterback and Lawrence Phillips perhaps the next great Nebraska I-back. The defense, however, is green. It must replace big-play people like Trev Alberts and Kevin Ramekers and the secondary is a mystery. But another favorable schedule could produce another 11-0 regular season.

**Coach Tom Osborne says:** "(The Orange Bowl) can be a confidence-builder, and in terms of tenacity and cohesiveness, this was the best group I've ever coached. Not the most talented, but the thing is they play defense better and to win championships, you've got to play defense. If we can keep building on that, we can get back here."

**CORNHUSKERS DATA** Coach: Tom Osborne (206-47-3, 21 years).

**1993 record:** 11-1 (lost to Florida State in Orange Bowl). Big Eight: 7-0/1st.

**Key losses:** Trev Alberts, LB; Mike Anderson, LB; Gerald Armstrong, TE; Ernie Beler, S; Byron Bennett, K/P; Corey Dixon, SE; Calvin Jones, RB (declared for NFL draft); Lance Lundberg, OT; Ken Mehlis, OG; Kevin Ramekers, DT; John Reece, FS; Toby Wright, SS.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (7):** Tommie Frazier, QB, 6-2/200, Jr.; Aaron Graham, C, 6-3/280, Jr.; Abdul Muhammad, WR, 5-9/160, Sr.; Cory Schlesinger, FB, 6-0/225, Sr.; Brenden Stai, G, 6-4/300, Sr.; Zach Wiegert, T, 6-5/300, Sr.; Rob Zatechka, T, 6-5/300, Sr. **Defense (5):** Terry Connealy, T, 6-5/275, Sr.; Troy Dumas, FS, 6-2/220, Sr.; Donta Jones, LB, 6-2/220, Sr.; Barron Miles, CB, 5-8/160, Sr.; Ed Stewart, LB, 6-1/215, Sr. **Kickers:** None.

**Other key returnees:** Eric Alford, TE, Sr.; Reggie Baul, SE, Jr.; Damon Benning, RB, Soph.; Brook Berringer, QB, Jr.; Doug Colman, LB, Jr.; Dwayne Harris, LB, Sr.; Clester Johnson, WR, Jr.; Mike Minter, S, Soph.; Kareem Moss, CB, Sr.; Christian Peter, DT, Jr.; Lawrence Phillips, RB, Soph.; Matt Shaw, TE, Sr.; Tom Sieler, K, Sr.; Larry Townsend, DT, Soph.; Joel Wilks, OG, Sr.; Trampus Wrice, CB, Soph. (RS/academics).

**Top newcomers:** Matt Aden, FS, Fr. (RS); Eric Anderson, OT, Fr. (RS); Michael Booker, FS, Soph. (Prop 48); Darin Erstad, K/P, Soph.; Jason Jenkins, DT, Jr. (RS/JC); John Livingston, SE, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** West Virginia (Kickoff Classic at East Rutherford, N.J.), Aug. 28; Texas Tech, Sept. 8; UGA, Sept. 17; Pacific, Sept. 24; Wyoming, Oct. 1; Oklahoma State, Oct. 8; Kansas State, Oct. 15; at Missouri, Oct. 22; Colorado, Oct. 29; Kansas, Nov. 5; at Iowa State, Nov. 12; at Oklahoma, Nov. 25.

**Last league title won:** 1993.

**Site:** Lincoln, Neb.

## COLORADO

**Offensive strengths:** All five starters are back on the line, including second-team all-league center Bryan Stoltenberg. Tackle Tony Berti is a potential first-round NFL draft pick. Christian Fauria is the league's best tight end.

**Offensive weaknesses:** If All-Big Eight tailback Rashaan Salaam gets hurt, the lone back in the Buffaloes' attack would be Vance Joseph, a converted quarterback; Shay Davis, a converted receiver, or a true freshman.

**Defensive strengths:** The line is ranked No. 1 in the nation, and it will get stronger with the addition of Clint Moore, a converted guard who was a prep All-America defensive lineman.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Except for all-league cornerback Chris Hudson, the sec-



Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier will work behind an offensive line that returns four of five starters.

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# PRESEASON ALL-BIG EIGHT TEAM

## PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

### OFFENSE



**TOMMIE FRAZIER**  
QB, Nebraska

### DEFENSE



**CHRIS HUDSON**  
CB, Colorado

### NEWCOMERS OF THE YEAR

**OFFENSE:** Garrick McGee, QB, Oklahoma

**DEFENSE:** Alani Pahlulu, T, Kansas

## FIRST TEAM

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	MICHAEL WESTBROOK, Colorado	6-4/210	Sr.
WR	KEVIN LOCKETT, Kansas State	6-0/165	Soph.
TE	CHRISTIAN FAURIA, Colorado	6-4/235	Sr.
T	ZACH WIEGERT, Nebraska	6-5/300	Sr.
T	TONY BERTI, Colorado	6-6/270	Sr.
C	BRYAN STOLTENBERG, Colorado	6-2/260	Jr.
G	JOHN JONES, Kansas	6-1/285	Sr.
G	HESSLEY HEMPSTEAD, Kansas	6-1/295	Sr.
QB	TOMMIE FRAZIER, Nebraska	6-2/200	Jr.
RB	RASHAAN SALAAM, Colorado	6-1/210	Jr.
RB	JUNE HENLEY, Kansas	5-11/190	Soph.

### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	SHANNON CLAVELLE, Colorado	6-4/270	Jr.
DL	TERRY CONNEALY, Nebraska	6-5/275	Sr.
DL	KERRY HICKS, Colorado	6-6/260	Jr.
LB	ED STEWART, Nebraska	6-1/215	Sr.
LB	TED JOHNSON, Colorado	6-4/235	Sr.
LB	DARRYL MAJOR, Missouri	6-2/235	Sr.
LB	KIRBY HOCUTT, Kansas State	5-10/215	Sr.
DB	CHRIS HUDSON, Colorado	5-11/190	Sr.
DB	DARRIUS JOHNSON, Oklahoma	5-9/172	Jr.
DB	BARRON MILES, Nebraska	5-8/160	Sr.
DB	KEVIN FULTON, Iowa State	6-1/201	Sr.

### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	TY STEWART, Iowa State	5-11/180	Sr.
P	KYLE POOLER, Missouri	6-0/193	Sr.
KR	JUNE HENLEY, Kansas	5-11/190	Soph.

## SECOND TEAM

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	MITCH RUNNING, Kansas State	6-0/185	Jr.
WR	BRIAN SALLEE, Missouri	6-3/195	Sr.
TE	DEREK JONES, Oklahoma State	6-3/235	Sr.
T	HARRY STAMPS, Oklahoma	6-5/290	Jr.
T	BARRETT BROOKS, Kansas State	6-5/285	Sr.
C	TONY BOOTH, Iowa State	6-3/293	Sr.
G	JOEL WILKS, Nebraska	6-3/275	Sr.
G	CHAD HAMMOND, Colorado	6-4/255	Jr.
QB	CHAD MAY, Kansas State	6-2/215	Sr.
RB	JAMES ALLEN, Oklahoma	6-1/205	Soph.
RB	J.J. SMITH, Kansas State	6-0/205	Sr.

### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	TIM COLSTON, Kansas State	6-1/255	Jr.
DL	CEDRIC JONES, Oklahoma	6-4/249	Jr.
DL	TROY PETERSEN, Iowa State	6-5/280	Sr.
DL	DARRELL HARBERT, Kansas State	6-1/280	Sr.
LB	DON DAVIS, Kansas	6-1/215	Sr.
LB	MATT RUSSELL, Colorado	6-2/240	Soph.
LB	TRAVIS McDONALD, Missouri	6-2/210	Sr.
DB	TONY BLEVINS, Kansas	6-0/170	Soph.
DB	KEVIN MCINTOSH, Missouri	6-0/172	Sr.
DB	LARRY BUSH, Oklahoma	5-11/190	Jr.
DB	JOHN ANDERSON, Oklahoma	5-11/185	Sr.

### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	LAWSON VAUGHN, Oklahoma State	6-0/180	Jr.
P	CHAD ROMANO, Kansas State	6-1/190	Soph.
KR	J.J. SMITH, Kansas State	6-0/205	Sr.

ondary is a mess. A makeshift unit gave up a school-record 523 yards to Fresno State passer Trent Dilfer in the Aloha Bowl, and starting strong safety Maurice Henriques suffered a dislocated shoulder in spring drills. **Special teams:** Place-kicker Neil Voskeritchian is a former walk-on who transferred from Hawaii, and punter Andy Mitchell is only a freshman. The Buffaloes haven't had a good kickoff returner in five years.

**Keys to success:** Salaam must stay healthy and new secondary coach Chuck Heater has to find steady defensive backs to join Hudson. **Outlook:** The Buffaloes have all the key ingredients for a national-title drive: a veteran quarterback who holds two dozen records, an all-league tailback, a wholly intact offensive line, a top-ranked defensive line and returning inside linebackers. But quarterback Kordell Stewart is a bit inconsistent, the secondary is questionable and the kicking game is inexperienced. Non-league opponents Wisconsin, Michigan and Texas will have a big say in Colorado's ultimate success.

**Coach Bill McCartney says:** "Our defense is going to be improved. It may be very marked improvement. Right now, that's my hunch. If we are, we're going to have a good football team."

### BUFFALOES DATA

**Coach:** Bill McCartney (82-54-5, 12 years).

**1993 record:** 8-3-1 (beat Fresno State in Aloha Bowl). Big Eight: 5-1-1/2nd.

**Key losses:** Mitch Berger, P; Dwayne Davis, SS; Dennis Collier, CB; Sean Embree, TE; Charles Johnson, WR; Sam Rogers, LB; Lamont Warren, TB (declared for NFL draft); Ron Woolfork, LB.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (9):** Tony Berti, T, 6-6/270, Sr.; Christian Fauria, TE, 6-4/235, Sr.; Chad Hammond, G, 6-4/255, Jr.; Heath Irwin, G, 6-5/280, Jr.; Rashaan Salaam, TB, 6-1/210, Jr.; Kordell Stewart, QB, 6-3/210, Sr.; Bryan Stoltzenberg, C, 6-

2/260, Jr.; Derek West, T, 6-8/285, Sr.; Michael Westbrook, WR, 6-4/210, Sr. **Defense (7):** Shannon Clavelle, T, 6-4/270, Jr.; Kerry Hicks, NT, 6-6/260, Jr.; Darius Holland, T, 6-5/285, Sr.; Chris Hudson, CB, 5-11/190, Sr.; Ted Johnson, LB, 6-4/235, Sr.; Matt Russell, LB, 6-2/240, Soph.; Dalton Simmons, CB, 6-1/180, Jr. **Kickers:** None.

**Other key returnees:** Rae Carruth, WR, Soph. (RS); Shay Davis, TB, Soph.; Koy Detmer, QB, Soph. (RS); Maurice Henriques, SS, Soph.; Greg Jones, LB, Soph. (RS/knee); Vance Joseph, TB, Sr.; James Kidd, WR, Soph.; Jon Knutson, LB, Sr.;



All five starters are back on Colorado's offensive line, including 1993 second-team all-league center Bryan Stoltzenberg.

Matt Lepsis, TE, Soph.; Clint Moore, DT, Jr. (RS/switched from OG); Chris Naeole, OG, Soph.; Allen Wilbon, LB, Soph.; Kenny Wilkins, FS, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Chris Hall, TB, Fr. (RS); Vilami Maumau, NT, Fr. (RS); Ron Merkerson, LB, Fr. (RS); Leon Merritt, RB, Fr. (RS); Tennyson McCarty, LB, Fr. (RS); Andy Mitchell, P, Fr. (RS); Mike Phillips, LB, Fr. (RS); Neil Voskeritchian, K, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** Northeast Louisiana, Sept. 3; Wisconsin, Sept. 17; at Michigan, Sept. 24; at Texas, Oct. 1; at Missouri, Oct. 8; Oklahoma, Oct. 15; Kansas State, Oct. 22; at Nebraska, Oct. 29; Oklahoma State, Nov. 5; at Kansas, Nov. 12; Iowa State, Nov. 19. **Last league title won:** 1991.

**Site:** Boulder, Colo.

## OKLAHOMA

**Offensive strengths:** The running backs are reminiscent of the Sooners' glory years. Speedy James Allen gained 739 yards as a freshman, and Jeff Frazier, who is returning from a knee injury, was No. 1 on the spring depth chart a year ago.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Oklahoma has all the ingredients except one: quarterback. Replacing All-Big Eight Cale Gundy will be Garrick McGee, a transfer from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M. McGee, who started five games as a freshman at Arizona State in 1992 before going the junior college route, gives the Sooners more of a running option on the option, but he doesn't have Gundy's arm.

**Defensive strengths:** Three of four starters return from the Big Eight's second-best secondary. Darrius Johnson and Larry Bush ranked first and third, respectively, in the league in interceptions. Anthony Fogle is so promising at free safety that Bush was moved to cornerback.

**Defensive weaknesses:** If Tremayne Green doesn't return from a pinched nerve in his neck, Oklahoma will have only three players on the depth chart to play two inside-linebacker positions.



**Special teams:** Scott Blanton was successful of 10 of 16 field-goal attempts last season and finished seventh in the Big Eight in punting.

**Key to success:** McGee can't replace Gundy as a thrower, so he must become some kind of a threat as a runner on the option.

**Outlook:** Was it only two years ago when Oklahoma boosters parked a moving van in front of Coach Gary Gibbs' house? Last season's long-awaited rout of Texas and bowl-game blowout of Texas Tech have fans jumping off Gibbs' back and onto the Sooners' bandwagon. It all hinges on McGee. If he excels, so will Oklahoma. If he fails, the running backs and defense had better be even better than advertised. It has been three years since the Sooners beat Nebraska or Colorado.

**Coach Gary Gibbs says:** "I think we've turned the corner. We've got good talent, we've got experienced players. Realistically, this could be our best football team in five or six years."

**SOONERS DATA** Coach: Gary Gibbs (38-17-2, 5 years).

**1993 record:** 9-3 (beat Texas Tech in Hancock Bowl). Big Eight: 4-3/4th.

**Key losses:** Russell Allen, NG; Aubrey Beavers, LB; Rickey Brady, TE; Mike Coats, LB; Cale Gundy, QB; Corey Warren, FL.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (8):** James Allen, TB, 6-1/205, Soph.; Ben Cavin, G, 6-2/287, Sr.; Terry Collier, FB, 6-0/225, Jr.; J.R. Conrad, T, 6-5/290, Jr.; Albert Hall, SE, 5-11/186, Sr.; Chuck Langston, C, 6-1/257, Jr.; Milton Overton, G, 6-0/271, Jr.; Harry Stamps, T, 6-5/290, Jr. **Defense (7):** John Anderson, SS, 5-11/185, Sr.; Larry Bush, CB, 5-11/190, Jr.; David Campbell, T, 6-0/281, Sr.; Brent DeQuasie, LB, 6-3/211, Jr.; Tremayne Green, LB, 6-0/231, Sr.; Darius Johnson, CB, 5-9/172, Jr.; Cedric Jones, T, 6-4/249, Jr. **Kickers (1):** Scott Blanton, K/P, 6-2/211, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Terence Brown, QB, Soph.; Joe Carollo, OG, Sr.; Dwayne Chandler, FB, Jr.; Anthony Fogle, FS, Soph.; Jeff Frazier, TB, Soph. (RS/knee); Mario Freeman, LB, Jr.; Rod Henderson, SS, Soph.; Roderick Manuel, TE, Soph.; Michael McDaniel, SE, Soph. (RS/knee); P.J. Mills, FL, Jr.; Jerald Moore, TB, Soph.; Paul Oatts, LB, Jr.

**Top newcomers:** Tim Denton, CB, Jr. (JC); Fred Lewis, NG, Jr. (JC); Dusty Loveless, DL, Fr.; Stirling Luckey, LB, Soph. (JC); Garrick McGee, QB, Jr. (JC); Barron Tanner, DL, Soph. (Prop 48).

**Schedule:** A/Syracuse, Sept. 3; at Texas A&M, Sept. 10; Texas Tech, Sept. 17; Iowa State, Oct. 1; Texas (at Dallas), Oct. 8; at Colorado, Oct. 15; at Kansas, Oct. 22; Kansas State, Oct. 29; Missouri, Nov. 5; at Oklahoma State, Nov. 12; Nebraska, Nov. 25.

**Last league title won:** 1987.

**Site:** Norman, Okla.

## KANSAS

**Offensive strengths:** All-Big Eight guards John Jones and Hessley Hempstead are among four starters returning from a superb offensive line.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Kansas didn't have a receiver in the Big Eight's top 10 at the end of last season. Its top returnee, 14th-ranked Ashaundai Smith, caught 27 passes and is only 5-foot-6.

**Defensive strengths:** Linebacker Don Davis (four sacks and 10 tackles for losses) is underrated. He's joined on the outside by Steve Harvey, Kansas' most consistent defender who is moving from the inside after an injury-plagued 1993 season.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The Jayhawks are starting over on the line, where Coach Glen Mason hopes junior college transfers Alani Pahulu and Troy Harper can help replace Pahulu's cousin, all-league tackle Chris Maumalanga.

**Special teams:** They're starting over here, too, with junior college All-America Darrin Simmons scheduled to punt and redshirt freshman



JOHN WILLIAMSON

Oklahoma has all of the ingredients for a successful offense, including junior flanker P.J. Mills. But the Sooners lack a proven quarterback.

Jeff McCord slated to do the place-kicking.

**Keys to success:** The defensive line must hold its own, and Asheiki Preston, who won the starting quarterback job at midseason, must continue to play like he did last year (when he led Kansas to four wins and a near-upset of Nebraska).

**Outlook:** Last year, injuries derailed Kansas' slow, steady drive to football prowess, but the Jayhawks have a legitimate shot at their second bowl game in 13 years. Sophomore running back June Henley is better than Tony Sands, the school's all-time leading rusher (1988-91), and the offensive line is one of the Big Eight's best. Preston has proven to be a good leader, and three starters return in the secondary. If the defensive line doesn't become a sieve and All-World kicker Dan Eichloff isn't missed too much, Kansas could be a dark horse.

**Coach Glen Mason says:** "We don't have many headline guys, but we're probably not as weak as we've been in some areas. We're much improved in the line, better in the secondary and have better running backs (than at any other point in the post-Sands era)."

**JAYHAWKS DATA** Coach: Glen Mason (27-40-1, 6 years; 39-50-1 overall, 8 years).

**1993 record:** 5-7. Big Eight: 3-4/5th.

**Key losses:** Greg Ballard, WR; Clint Bowen, FS; Dwayne Chandler, TE; Dan Eichloff, K/P; Guy Howard, DE; Chris Maumalanga, DT; Dan Schmidt, C; Mike Steele, DT; Larry Thiel, LB.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (8):** Mark Allison, T, 6-3/280, Jr.; Hessley Hempstead, G, 6-1/295, Sr.; June Henley, TB, 5-11/190, Soph.; John Jones, G, 6-1/285, Sr.; Rod Jones, T, 6-4/285, Jr.; Chris Powell, FB, 5-9/220, Sr.; Asheiki Preston, QB, 5-11/180, Sr.; Ashaundai Smith, WR, 5-6/155, Jr. **Defense (6):** Marlin Blakeney, SS, 5-11/192, Jr.; Tony Blevins, CB, 6-0/170, Soph.; Don Davis, LB, 6-1/215, Sr.; Steve Harvey, LB, 6-3/234, Sr.; Gerald McBurrows, CB, 5-11/188, Sr.; Ronnie Ward, LB, 6-0/212, Jr. **Kickers:** None.

**Other key returnees:** Dorian Brew, CB, Jr.; Harold Harris, LB, Sr.; Joe Hombach, C, Jr.; L.T. Levine, TB, Jr.; Robert Reed, WR, Sr.; George White, TB, Sr. (RS/knee); Brent Willeford, TE, Sr.; Sylvester Wright, DE, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Issac Byrd, QB, Soph. (Prop 48); Charles Davis, SS, Fr. (RS/knee); Troy Harper, DT, Jr. (JC); Rodrick Johnson, FB, Soph. (Prop 48); Jeff McCord, K, Fr. (RS); Alani Pahulu, DT, Jr. (JC); Darrin Simmons, P, Jr. (RS/JC); Jim Stiebel, C, Soph. (transfer/Nebraska); Doug Weaver, DL, Jr. (JC); Mark Williams, QB, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** A/Bouston, Sept. 1; Michigan State, Sept. 10; at Texas Christian, Sept. 17; Alabama-Birmingham, Sept. 24; Kansas State, Oct. 6; at Iowa State, Oct. 15; Oklahoma, Oct. 22; Oklahoma State, Oct. 29; at Nebraska, Nov. 5; Colorado, Nov. 12; at Missouri, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1968.

**Site:** Lawrence, Kan.

## KANSAS STATE

**Offensive strengths:** The Wildcats return 100 percent of the personnel that broke a school record with a league-leading 2,698 passing yards last season. Chad May is the league's best pro quarterback prospect, and receivers Kevin Lockett and Mitch Running have spectacular hands.

**Offensive weaknesses:** With three starters gone on the line, May had better be as good a scrambler as he is a passer. The three scheduled replacements up front—Ross Greenwood, Jason Johnson and Chris Oltmanns—have a combined three letters and zero starts.

**Defensive strengths:** These former Wildcats have actually developed some bite, finishing third in the Big Eight last year in total defense. Sixteen of the top 18 linemen and linebackers return.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Last season's strength, the secondary, needs major re-

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building. Free safety Steve Hanks is the lone returnee, and he started only three games.

**Special teams:** Redshirt freshman Scott Collins, a walk-on, will handle the place-kicking and sophomore Chad Romano, sixth in the league last year, will punt.

**Key to success:** Protecting May. He missed spring drills with a sprained ankle, an injury that may sound like a blessing compared to what could happen if his line doesn't develop.

**Outlook:** Take the "M" off the Mildcats. The Wildcats are legit. A soft non-league schedule has inflated their record recently, but they've also had two winning league seasons in the last three years. Kansas State will be explosive and may be more balanced with a steady running back in J.J. Smith. The defense won't let anyone manhandle Kansas State, and another platter of non-league creampuffs will help. But the offensive line is a major concern, and the front seven on defense had better repeat the 40 sacks of a year ago if the secondary doesn't mature quickly.

**Coach Bill Snyder says:** "Our perception in regard to recruiting high-profile student/athletes has been enhanced, the national perception of Kansas State football has been enhanced. In each of the last three years we've attempted to knock on every conceivable door and . . . we've gotten in more and more."

**WILDCATS DATA** Coach: Bill Snyder (27-28-1, 5 years). 1993 record: 9-2-1 (beat Wyoming in Copper Bowl). Big Eight: 4-2-1/3rd.

**Key losses:** John Butler, DE; Bryan Campbell, OG; Andre Coleman, WR; Kenny McIntyre, CB; Jaime Mendez, FS; Quentin Neujahr, C; Thomas Randolph, CB; Kitt Rawlings, SS; Brad Seib, TE; Eric Wolford, OG; Tate Wright, K.

**Starters returning:** Offense (7): Barrett Brooks, T, 6-5/285, Sr.; Jim Hmielewski, T, 6-7/305, Sr.; Kevin Lockett, WR, 6-0/165, Soph.; Chad May, QB, 6-2/215, Sr.; Mitch Running, WR, 6-0/185, Jr.; Rod Schiller, FB, 6-0/215, Sr.; J.J. Smith, RB, 6-0/205, Sr. Defense (7): Tim Colston, T, 6-1/255, Jr.; Percell Gaskins, LB, 6-1/215, Jr.; Steve Hanks, FS, 6-0/200, Jr.; Darrell Harbert, T, 6-1/280, Sr.; Kirby Hocutt, LB, 5-10/215, Sr.; Dirk Ochs, E, 6-4/245, Jr.; Laird Veatch, LB, 6-3/230, Sr. Kickers (1): Chad Romano, P, 6-1/190, Soph.

**Other key returnees:** Clyde Boulter, CB, Jr.; Joe Gordon, CB, Soph.; Ross Greenwood, OG, Soph.; Jason Johnson, C, Soph.; Chuck Marlowe, SS, Jr.; Matt McEwen, DE, Jr.; Chris Oltmanns, OG, Soph.; Brian Rees, TE, Sr.; Andrew Timmons, DE, Jr.; Nyile Wren, DE, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Gordon Brown, DB, Jr. (JC); Jimmy Dean, WR, Jr. (JC); Scott Collins, K, Fr. (RS); Ray Eagle, DT, Jr. (JC); Toosavili Ulutu, C, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** Southwestern Louisiana, Sept. 3; Rice, Sept. 17; Minnesota, Sept. 24; at Kansas, Oct. 6; Nebraska, Oct. 15; at Colorado, Oct. 22; at Oklahoma, Oct. 29; Iowa State, Nov. 5; at Missouri, Nov. 12; Oklahoma State, Nov. 19; at UNLV, Nov. 26. Last league title won: 1934.

Site: Manhattan, Kan.

## MISSOURI

**Offensive strengths:** Quarterback Jeff Handy has a great arm, but he didn't have a great 1993 after emerging in '92. He'll get help. Missouri gained nearly twice as many yards passing than rushing last season, and new Coach Larry Smith swears it will be 50-50 this year.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Before Smith makes any brash predictions, he'd better find some replacements for the offensive line. Four starters are gone.

**Defensive strengths:** The "M & M" duo of linebackers Darryl Major and Travis McDonald have a combined five years of starting experience and made 226 tackles overall last year.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Only nine Division I-A schools gave up more rushing yards last



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**For running back J.J. Smith to be successful this season, Kansas State must replace three starters on the offensive line.**

year than Missouri. Smith must replace two starters on the line, and one of the replacements might be end Marc Pedrotti, who is coming off a broken leg.

**Special teams:** Kyle Pooler, six of nine on field-goal attempts and the league's second-leading punter, returns.

**Keys to success:** Developing a running attack to complement Handy and making the adjustment from a 4-3 defense to the 3-4.

**Outlook:** Smith's coaching history (Tulane,



JOHN WILLIAMSON

**Kansas is worried about its defensive line, but it has no concerns about the performance of sophomore cornerback Tony Blevins.**

Arizona and Southern California) has been notable for defense and the running game, two areas that have been myths recently at Missouri. But Smith didn't walk into a bare storefront. Running back Joe Freeman gained 472 yards in the last four games of 1993 and fullback Michael Washington can be steady if he recovers from knee surgery. Defensively, Missouri has had all the stability of a banana republic. Moe Ankney is the school's fifth defensive coordinator in as many years. He says he'll keep the same attacking style, but the Tigers didn't attack all that well in '93. They've finished last in the league in defense the last four years.

**Coach Larry Smith says:** "As far as pure players, this team has as good a strength as any team I've ever inherited."

**TIGERS DATA** Coach: Larry Smith (first year, 110-80-6 overall, 17 years).

1993 record: 3-7-1. Big Eight: 2-5/T6th.

**Key losses:** Tim Alvarado, OT; Mike Bedosky, OG; Matt Burgess, C; Kenny Holly, WR; George Hunt, DT; Rick Lyle, DE; A.J. O'dille, TE (declared for NFL draft); Jason Oliver, CB; Matt Pearce, OG.

**Starters returning:** Offense (5): Joe Freeman, TB, 5-10/180, Sr.; Jeff Handy, QB, 6-3/202, Sr.; Trey O'Neill, T, 6-6/290, Sr.; Brian Sallee, WR, 6-3/195, Sr.; Michael Washington, FB, 6-3/270, Sr. Defense (7): Jerome Madison, SS, 6-0/183, Sr.; Darryl Major, LB, 6-2/235, Sr.; Steve Martin, T, 6-5/284, Jr.; Travis McDonald, LB, 6-2/210, Sr.; Kevin McIntosh, CB, 6-0/172, Sr.; Damon Simon, T, 6-5/250, Sr.; Andre White, FS, 6-1/194, Sr. Kickers (1): Kyle Pooler, P/K, 6-0/193, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Clayton Baker, CB/KR, Soph.; Kay Blake, DB, Jr. (RS); Darryl Chatman, LB, Soph.; Demontie Cross, FS, Soph. (transfer/Illinois); Matt Dowell, OG, Jr.; Rahsetnu Jenkins, WR/KR, Soph.; Tim Keith, OT, Jr.; Bill Lingerfelt, TE, Soph.; Joe Love, LB, Soph.; Derrick Miller, CB, Soph.; Matt Murray, NT, Sr.; Rafe Parsons, OG, Sr.; Marc Pedrotti, DE, Sr. (RS/broken leg); John Saffley, DT, Jr.; Chris Singletary, DB, Sr.; Detrick Wells, DE, Sr.; Jerry Wooden, CB, Sr. (RS/shoulder).

**Top newcomers:** Ernest Blackwell, RB, Fr.; Chris Buck, OT, Jr. (JC); Kevin Ford, DB, Fr. (RS); Miguel Gonzalez, TE, Jr. (JC); Ron Janes, FB, Fr. (RS); Felix Lindsey, TB, Fr. (RS); Jonathan Sanft, NT, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** Tulsa, Sept. 3; at UConn, Sept. 10; at Houston, Sept. 17; West Virginia, Oct. 1; Colorado, Oct. 8; at Oklahoma State, Oct. 15; Nebraska, Oct. 22; at Iowa State, Oct. 29; at Oklahoma, Nov. 5; Kansas State, Nov. 12; Kansas, Nov. 19; at Hawaii, Nov. 26.

Last league title won: 1969.

Site: Columbia, Mo.

## IOWA STATE

**Offensive strengths:** Coach Jim Walden says the backs he has are the best he's ever had at Iowa State. Who's to argue? The Cyclones finished 11th in the nation in rushing last year and most of their key backfield operatives return.

**Offensive weaknesses:** It's hard to say the receivers are a weak spot because in the Cyclones' wishbone, they merely fill out the team photo. Starting tight end Dan Dostal caught just one pass last year.

**Defensive strengths:** This is an oxymoron at Iowa State, but the linebackers aren't bad. Fifth-year seniors Marc Lillibridge, Jeff Cole and Matt Nitchie all start.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The Cyclones actually gave up more rushing yards than Missouri. They also finished last in the league in pass-efficiency defense and intercepted a league-low six passes.

**Special teams:** The Cyclones' units are the Big Eight's best. All-league pick Ty Stewart connected on 11 of 15 field-goal attempts (including two 58-yarders), and the Cyclones led the league in opponents' punt- and kickoff-return averages (2.5 and 15.1 yards, respectively).

**Key to success:** Finding a defense that can at least slow people down.



**Outlook:** Walden avoided the ax last year after his sixth losing season in seven years at the school. He can thank then-athletic director Max Urick for signing him to a six-year extension through 1997 four years ago. But Urick is gone and new A.D. Gene Smith and school President Martin Jischke have had a year to survey the situation. Walden shook up his defensive staff and has slowly stockpiled a solid wishbone offense. Iowa State pulls off one major upset a year, but until the Cyclones build a decent defense most of their wins will be upsets.

**Coach Jim Walden says:** "When we put this offense in two years ago, it was with the idea that in three years we'd have a group of guys that would know what they're doing. The good news is that the plan has worked."

**CYCLONES DATA** Coach: Jim Walden (28-47-2, 7 years; 73-98-6 overall, 16 years).

1993 record: 3-8. Big Eight: 2-5/7th.

**Key losses:** Lamont Hill, SE; Brandon Hughes, SE; Kevin Lazard, CB; James McMillion, RB; Doug Skartvedt, OT; Chris Ulrich, FB; Bob Utter, QB.

**Starters returning: Offense (9):** Tony Booth, C, 6-3/293, Sr.; Calvin Branch, RB, 5-11/189, Jr.; James Brooks, SE, 5-11/175, Sr.; Dan Dostal, TE, 6-5/246, Sr.; Todd Doxzon, QB, 6-0/167, Soph.; Rodney Guggenheim, FB, 5-10/195, Soph.; Jim Knott, FB, 6-0/210, Sr.; Mark Konopka, G, 6-2/289, Jr.; Jim Thompson, G, 6-4/265, Sr. **Defense (9):** Jeff Cole, LB, 6-2/233, Sr.; Kevin Fulton, SS, 6-1/201, Sr.; Weylan Harding, CB, 5-10/193, Sr.; Marc Lillibridge, LB, 6-1/210, Sr.; Cedric Linwood, FS, 5-10/187, Sr.; Sheldon Napastuk, T, 6-4/266, Soph.; Matt Nitchie, LB, 6-2/212, Sr.; Troy Petersen, NG, 6-5/280, Sr.; Anthony Scott, E, 6-4/240, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Marc Harris, P, 5-11/182, Soph.; Ty Stewart, K, 5-11/180, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Marcus Allen, LB, Sr.; Jason Brown, CB, Soph.; Nick Clausen, DT, Sr.; Artis Garris, RB, Jr.; Mike Horacek, SE, Jr.; Tim Kohn, OT, Soph.; Jeff St. Clair, QB, Soph.; Tim Sanders, LB, Soph.; Scott Schulz, DE, Sr.; Brian Wilkinson, OT, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Corey Lambert, QB, Fr.

**Schedule:** Northern Iowa, Sept. 3; at Iowa, Sept. 10; Western Michigan, Sept. 17; Rice, Sept. 24; at Oklahoma, Oct. 1; Kansas, Oct. 15; at Oklahoma State, Oct. 22; Missouri, Oct. 29; at Kansas State, Nov. 5; Nebraska, Nov. 12; at Colorado, Nov. 19. **Last league title won:** 1912.

Site: Ames, Ia.

## OKLAHOMA STATE

**Offensive strengths:** The Cowboys made the giant leap from 103rd in the nation in total offense in 1992 to 102nd last year. There is hope, however. Tone' Jones, who played well as a freshman, is the school's best quarterback prospect since Mike Gundy in 1989.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Where to begin? The Cowboys finished 95th in scoring offense



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Senior noseguard Troy Petersen hopes to help improve Iowa State's defense, which ranked seventh in the Big Eight in 1993.

(15.8 points), 98th in passing offense (120.5 yards) and 102nd in total offense (258.36).

**Defensive strengths:** The defense actually was ranked in the top 15 nationally at mid-season last year before slumping. Sophomore end Jevon Langford may make people forget all-league Jason Gildon.

**Defensive weaknesses:** It's so thin here that fullback Marc Spatz was starting at middle linebacker last spring. This is a major drop-off from departed Butkus Award semifinalist Keith Burns.

**Special teams:** Lawson Vaughn was the league's most accurate field-goal kicker (11 of 14, 78.6 percent). Newcomer Greg Ivy was the nation's leading punter in the junior college ranks.

**Key to success:** Developing a running game. For a school that has produced Barry Sanders, Thurman Thomas and Terry Miller, Oklahoma State didn't have even a 500-yard rusher last year. Maybe prep All-America Andre Richardson of Dallas is the answer.

**Outlook:** The probation bug, the one that ate away at Pat Jones' program in the early '90s, is eating away again. The junior college players Jones recruited as a quick fix two years ago are gone, leaving him with only 58 players last spring. With only five junior college transfers arriving this season, improvement may be another year away. Jones, however, is safe. He has a four-year rollover contract and the school was still looking for a new athletic

director in the spring. Last season's average attendance of 33,318 was the lowest at Oklahoma State in 12 years, but the fans won't return to Lewis Field until the offense does.

**Coach Pat Jones says:** "Some days I think we're a long way away. If we lose a certain guy, we're reduced from decent to nothing. But we've dealt with that before."

**COWBOYS DATA** Coach: Pat Jones (59-53-2, 10 years). 1993 record: 3-8. Big Eight: 0-7/8th.

**Key losses:** Richie Ansley, LB; Keith Burns, LB; Mike Butler, OT; Shannon Culver, SE; Jason Gildon, DE; Anthony Greenlee, OG; Scott Harmon, FS; Matt Jose, OT; Scott Tyner, P; Charles Verner, SS.

**Starters returning: Offense (7):** Rafael Denson, FL, 5-8/180, Sr.; Bryan Guillory, G, 6-3/270, Soph.; Bryan Hope, C, 6-5/265, Jr.; Tone' Jones, QB, 5-11/185, Soph.; Alan Orts, G, 6-3/292, Sr.; Marc Spatz, FB, 6-2/230, Sr. (may move to LB); David Thompson, TB, 5-9/185, Soph. **Defense (6):** Lorenzo Green, T, 6-3/260, Jr.; Linc Harden, LB, 6-4/240, Sr.; Jevon Langford, E, 6-4/255, Soph.; Delvin Myles, CB, 5-10/180, Sr.; Cleavon Williams, CB, 5-10/180, Sr.; Tyler Williams, T, 6-2/260, Sr. **Kickers (1):** Lawson Vaughn, K, 6-0/180, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** Louis Adams, FS, Soph.; Eric Hobbs, LB, Sr.; Kelvin Ingram, DE, Sr.; Daryl Johnson, TB, Soph.; Derek Jones, TE, Sr.; Derek Leinen, OT, Soph.; Kris Lofton, SE, Soph.; Skip Walker, DE, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Geoff Grenier, FB, Jr. (transfer/Colorado State); Greg Ivy, P, Jr. (JC); Alonzo Mayes, TE, Fr. (RS); Andre Richardson, RB, Fr.

**Schedule:** Northern Illinois, Sept. 1; at Baylor, Sept. 17; Tulsa, Sept. 24; at Texas, Oct. 1; at Nebraska, Oct. 8; Missouri, Oct. 15; at Iowa State, Oct. 22; at Kansas, Oct. 29; at Colorado, Nov. 5; Oklahoma, Nov. 12; at Kansas State, Nov. 19. **Last league title won:** 1976.

Site: Stillwater, Okla. ♦



# SCOUTING THE BIG EIGHT

**Ascending:** Oklahoma. The aftereffects of probation may finally have ended. Oklahoma has quality depth after years of sub-par numbers. The Sooners have their best talent since the 1980s, and getting the Texas gorilla off their backs last year (a 38-17 victory over the Longhorns) has eased Coach Gary Gibbs' load. With 16 starters back from a team that rocked Texas Tech, 41-10, in the John Hancock Bowl, Oklahoma could make the Big Eight the big three instead of the big two.

**Descending:** Oklahoma State. It's tough to say a last-place team can sink any lower, but Oklahoma State has gone from Tailback U. to Cellar State. The Cowboys' numbers are as low as in their probation years, the defense is worse and the offense can't get any weaker. Coach Pat Jones' magic kept the Cowboys close, but his magic is running out. **Nightmare schedule:** Colorado, again. The Buffaloes play host to Wisconsin, then travel to Michigan and Texas and play Nebraska in Lincoln. It's a schedule made only for a coach with a 15-year contract.

**Dream schedule:** Kansas State, again. The Wildcats play Southwestern Louisiana, Rice and Minnesota at home and end their season at UNLV. This school doesn't have a schedule-maker, it has a pastry chef.

**Best matchup of the year:** Colorado at Nebraska, October 29. This bitter rivalry has decided the Big Eight championship in the last five years and returns to the scene of Nebraska's 52-7 romp in 1992. It will feature the fastest offensive line that Tom Osborne has ever had against Colorado's top-ranked defensive front.

**Worst matchup of the year:** Pacific at Nebraska, September 24. Pacific lost to Texas Tech, 55-7, last year and gave up 667 rushing yards to Oregon State. Nebraska beat Texas Tech, 50-27, and finished third in Division I-A in rushing. You figure out the rest.

**Shocker of the year:** Oklahoma over Nebraska, November 25. The Sooners' option will be in top form by then, and the Cornhuskers' defense still will be in the developmental stage when the teams clash in Norman. Undermanned Oklahoma was in last season's game at Nebraska until the fourth quarter.

**Bowl bound:** Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma are locks. Kansas and Kansas State are dark horses.

**Biggest shoes to fill:** Oklahoma quarter-

back Cale Gundy's. Gundy was an All-Big Eight pick last season and is the Sooners' all-time passing leader. His likely replacement, Garrick McGee, threw for 1,898 yards in the junior college ranks last year, but Oklahoma is a long way from North-eastern Oklahoma A&M.

**Most underrated player:** Larry Bush, CB,

Oklahoma. He had four interceptions and 78 tackles at safety last year and didn't even make all-league honorable mention. He was so good on coverage that Gibbs moved him to cornerback.

**Impact newcomers:** Chris Buck, OT, Missouri, Jr. (JC); Geoff Grenier, FB, Oklahoma State, Jr. (transfer/Colorado State);

Garrick McGee, QB, Oklahoma, Jr. (JC); Alani Pahulu, DT, Kansas, Jr. (JC); Neil Voskeritchian, PK, Colorado, Jr. (JC).

**Coach of the Year:** Tom Osborne, Nebraska. Everyone is expecting the Cornhuskers to tumble a bit after their stun-

ning effort against Florida State in the Orange Bowl, but Nebraska still has enough on hand to make its fourth straight trip to Miami.

**Coach on the hot seat:** Jim Walden, Iowa State. No one talks up his team more than Walden, and no team disappoints more. Walden's contract runs through the 1997 season, but that might not save him from the guillotine he escaped a year ago.

**Best bets:** Nebraska will beat Kansas State for the 26th consecutive year. . . . Southwest Conference Commissioner Steve Hatchell will replace Carl James as Big Eight commissioner when James eventually retires. . . . Fiesta Bowl representatives will grovel at James' feet to steal the league's contract away from the Orange Bowl. . . . Despite Colorado Coach Bill McCartney's weekly denials, a quarterback controversy will develop between Kordell Stewart and Koy Detmer. . . . One of Kansas State receiver Kevin Lockett's catches will appear on ESPN's SportsCenter.

**Odds and ends:** Missouri's Larry Smith is the first new coach in the league since 1989. . . . Colorado had the Big Eight's top recruiting class, which ranked in the top 15 nationally. . . . Last season, four league teams were ranked in the final polls for the first time since 1976. Nebraska, Colorado, Oklahoma and Kansas State all cracked the Top 20. . . . Iowa State had the fewest punts in its history last season, yet averaged only 22.8 points a game. The reason? The Cyclones were seventh in the league in turnover margin. . . . The Aloha Bowl is expected to change the wording in its contract with the Big Eight so it can take the league's highest-rated team and not specifically the third-place team. Kansas State, which finished third in '93, had its feathers ruffled when the Aloha chose runner-up Colorado, a move that in turn sent the Wildcats to the Copper Bowl. The Hancock took fourth-place Oklahoma. . . . If Nebraska goes to a bowl this season (a good likelihood), it will be the school's 26th straight postseason appearance, breaking Alabama's NCAA record of 25 bowls in a row from 1959-83. ♦

—JOHN HENDERSON

## HONOR ROLL

**Best offensive line:** Colorado

**Best offensive backfield:** Nebraska

**Best backup quarterback:** Koy Detmer, Colorado

**Best wide receivers:** Colorado

**Best clutch receiver:** Kevin Lockett, Kansas State

**Best defensive line:** Colorado

**Best-hitting defensive lineman:** Kerry Hicks, Colorado

**Best linebackers:** Colorado

**Best-hitting linebacker:** Ed Stewart, Nebraska

**Best secondary:** Oklahoma

**Best-hitting defensive back:** Chris Hudson, Colorado

**Best kicking game:** Iowa State

**Best kick-coverage units:** Iowa State

**Best coaching staff:** Nebraska

**Best coach:** Tom Osborne, Nebraska

**Best Heisman candidate:** Tommie Frazier, QB, Nebraska

**Best pro prospect:** Michael Westbrook, WR, Colorado

## RETURNING LEADERS

**Rushing:** June Henley, Kansas, 93.9 yds./game (233 att., 1,127 yds., 12 TDs, 4.8 avg.)

**Passing efficiency:** Kordell Stewart, Colorado, 126.7 rating pts. (294 att., 157 comp., 2,299 yds., 11 TDs)

**Total offense:** Kordell Stewart, Colorado, 256.6 yds./game (524 yds. rushing, 2,299 yds. passing, 2,823 total yds.)

**Receiving:** Kevin Lockett, Kansas State, 4.6 rec./game (50 rec., 770 yds., 4 TDs, 15.4 avg.)

**Scoring:** J.J. Smith, Kansas State, 6.6 pts./game (12 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 72 pts.)

**Punting:** Kyle Pooler, Missouri, 42.4 avg. (72 punts, 3,056 yds.)

**Punt returns:** Chris Hudson, Colorado, 11.7 avg. (15 att., 175 yds., 0 TDs)

**Kickoff returns:** Rafael Denson, Oklahoma State, 23.4 avg. (16 att., 375 yds., 1 TD)

**Field goals:** Lawson Vaughn, Oklahoma State, 1.0 FGs/game (11/14 FGs, 79%) and Ty Stewart, Iowa State, 1.0 FGs/game (11/15 FGs, 73%)



Kansas State Coach Bill Snyder.



Oklahoma State's Rafael Denson is the Big Eight's top returning kickoff returner.



# Big Ten may be wishing too hard for national title

By **BRUCE HOOLEY**

*Cleveland Plain Dealer*

**T**hat age-old warning about being careful what you wish for, lest you receive it, has the Big Ten Conference facing a new twist on an old problem as it enters the 1994 college football season.

Sensitive about its failure to produce a national champion since Ohio State finished No. 1 in 1968, the conference apparently has wished too hard for a member to finish atop the final polls, because it now finds itself awash in applicants.

Just one year after placing only three teams in bowls, the Big Ten rebounded last season with seven postseason qualifiers and a sweep of the four bowls (Rose, Citrus, Holiday and Hall of Fame) with which it is contractually aligned.

While that showing restored some much-needed prestige to the league, it did nothing to heighten the chances of a Big Ten team finishing No. 1 this season.

Not with Wisconsin returning 17 starters, Michigan 15, Penn State 11 and Illinois its entire defense and seven starters on offense.

"There's no question in my mind that very few people aren't going to be better," Penn State Coach Joe Paterno said. "There's a lot of balance in the league right now, so it might be tougher to get close (to a national title) this year, tougher than it was last year."

Penn State's addition a year ago was supposed to bolster the Big Ten's chances of getting a national champion. Instead, Iowa Coach Hayden Fry proved prophetic when he cautioned that "they're (the Nittany Lions) going to help injure everybody else and that's going to reduce the opportunity."

Ohio State never was the same after defeating the Nittany Lions in late October last year. The Buckeyes skidded to a 2-1-1 finish after rising as high as third in the polls.

"If anybody in this league can go through the season undefeated, with the tough non-conference schedules we play, and win the Rose Bowl, there's no doubt in my mind that team ought to be the national champion," Ohio State Coach John Cooper said. "But notice I said, 'If.' It's tough to play the non-conference schedules we all do and then go through the league undefeated."

Just ask Michigan, which hasn't entered league play unbeaten and untied since 1986, thanks primarily to a certain team from South Bend, Ind.

"Yeah, I'd like to be undefeated and, yeah, I'd like to be Number 1," Wolverines Coach Gary Moeller said. "Maybe I shouldn't schedule Notre Dame."

Or Colorado, which could ruin Wisconsin's No. 1 chances on September 17 before it gets an opportunity to spoil Michigan's one week later.

Surviving the non-conference won't guarantee any school an extended run at the top of the polls, either, for the Big Ten scheduler also seems bent on continuing the conference's national-title drought.

For instance, Ohio State gets Penn State and Wisconsin consecutively, then Michigan two weeks later.

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### PREDICTIONS

#### ORDER OF FINISH

1. MICHIGAN
2. PENN STATE
3. WISCONSIN
4. ILLINOIS
5. OHIO STATE
6. MINNESOTA
7. INDIANA
8. MICHIGAN STATE
9. IOWA
10. PURDUE
11. NORTHWESTERN

Michigan gets Penn State, Illinois and Wisconsin in succession.

Penn State gets Michigan and Ohio State back-to-back, and Illinois finishes with Penn State and Wisconsin.

"I think the race will be very much like it was last year," Illinois Coach Lou Tepper said. "I think you could find three Top 10 teams. I think you could find five Top 25 teams. And I don't think there will be very many that go unscathed."

#### MICHIGAN

**Offensive strengths:** Tailback Tyrone Wheatley's return for his senior season was celebrated with much greater fanfare in Ann Arbor than in other Big Ten precincts. That's because no one has yet found a way to stop Wheatley, who will shatter Michigan career records for rushing yards, scoring and all-purpose yards if he remains healthy. Stand



Mercury Hayes is part of a fine fleet of Michigan receivers.

out quarterback Todd Collins will throw to a fleet of fine receivers, including Amani Toomer, Mercury Hayes and Walter Smith. **Offensive weaknesses:** Losing four line starters from the '92 squad hit the Wolverines hard last year, but the unit progressed and grew solid late last season. That improvement may have been ruined in the spring when guard Joe Marinaro suffered a knee injury that required reconstructive surgery.

**Defensive strengths:** Linebackers Steve Morrison and Matt Dyson fought injuries all last season. When they were healthy, it was much tougher to score on Michigan. Jarrett Irons and Bobby Powers also are fine linebackers. Ty Law is the standard by which all Big Ten cornerbacks will be measured in 1994.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Damon Denson and Trent Zenkewicz must fill the voids created by the departure of tackles Ninef Aghakhan and Buster Stanley.

**Special teams:** The Wolverines hope one of two true freshmen, Kraig Baker or Jay Feely, emerges as their place-kicker. Redshirt freshman Nate DeLong will handle punting duties. Wheatley, Toomer and Hayes each averaged better than 20 yards per kickoff return in '93, so Michigan's biggest problem is deciding which pair to unleash.

**Keys to success:** A still-unproven offensive line must give Collins time to find a talented receiving corps, thereby making Wheatley an even bigger rushing threat.

**Outlook:** For the first time since 1988, Michigan enters a season without the pressure of defending a Big Ten championship. Since it's not likely the Wolverines again will suffer the rash of injuries that hit them in '93, look for them to claim their sixth league title in seven seasons.

**Coach Gary Moeller says:** "I have a very good feeling about the future of this team. I'm happy with the mix of youth and experience. We're still going to be young overall, but sometimes those are the best teams."

**WOLVERINES DATA** Coach: Gary Moeller (36-9-3, 4 years; 42-33-6 overall, 7 years).

**1993 record:** 8-4 (beat North Carolina State in Hall of Fame Bowl). Big Ten: 5-3/4th.

**Key losses:** Ninef Aghakhan, DT; Derrick Alexander, SE; Alfie Burch, CB; Marc Burkholder, TE; Gannon Dudlar, LB; Pete Elezovic, K; Marc Milia, C; Shonte Peoples, SS; Buster Stanley, DT; Chris Stapleton, P.

**Starters returning: Offense (9):** Todd Collins, QB, 6-5/229, Sr.; Che' Foster, FB, 6-2/240, Jr.; Thomas Guynes, T, 6-5/299, Soph.; Trezelle Jenkins, T, 6-8/298, Jr.; Joe Marinaro, G, 6-4/294, Jr.; Jon Runyan, G, 6-8/293, Soph.; Walter Smith, WR, 5-11/192, Sr.; Mike Sullivan, T, 6-7/299, Jr.; Tyrone Wheatley, TB, 6-1/226, Sr. **Defense (6):** Matt Dyson, LB, 6-5/256, Sr.; Jason Horn, MG, 6-5/271, Jr.; Jarrett Irons, LB, 6-1/221, Soph.; Ty Law, CB, 6-0/189, Jr.; Steve Morrison, LB, 6-3/238, Sr.; Chuck Winters, FS, 6-0/195, Soph. **Kickers:** None.

**Other key returnees:** Deollo Anderson, SS, Soph.; Tim Blak-abutuka, TB, Soph.; William Carr, DT, Soph.; Jean-Agnus Charles, CB, Jr.; Pierre Cooper, TE, Soph.; Ed Davis, TB, Jr.; Damon Denson, DT, Soph.; Deon Johnson, CB, Sr.; Remy Hamilton, K, Soph.; Mercury Hayes, WR, Jr.; Tony Henderson, MG, Sr.; Erik Lovell, K, Sr.; Rod Payne, C, Soph.; Bobby Powers, LB, Sr.; Trevor Pryce, LB, Soph.; Jon Ritchie, FB, Soph.; Glen Steele, DT, Soph.; Clarence Thompson, FS, Soph.; Amani Toomer, WR, Jr.; Trent Zenkewicz, DT, Jr.

**Top newcomers:** Kraig Baker, K, Fr.; Mark Campbell, TE, Fr.; Nate DeLong, P, Fr. (RS); Juquin Feazell, DL, Fr.; Jay Feely, K, Fr.; Chris Floyd, RB, Fr.; Chris Howard, RB, Fr.; Rasheed Simmons, LB, Fr.; Seth Smith, WR, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** Boston College, Sept. 3; ~~at~~ Notre Dame, Sept. 10;

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BIG TEN  
DIVISION I-A



# PRESEASON ALL-BIG TEN TEAM

## PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

### OFFENSE



TYRONE  
WHEATLEY  
TB, Michigan

### DEFENSE



DANA  
HOWARD  
LB, Illinois

### NEWCOMERS OF THE YEAR

OFFENSE: Alex Smith, TB, Indiana

DEFENSE: Floyd Wedderburn, T, Penn State

## FIRST TEAM

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	JOEY GALLOWAY, Ohio State	5-10/175	Sr.
WR	LEE DeRAMUS, Wisconsin	6-2/200	Sr.
TE	MICHAEL ROAN, Wisconsin	6-4/245	Sr.
T	KOREY STRINGER, Ohio State	6-6/310	Jr.
T	SHANE HANNAH, Michigan State	6-5/321	Sr.
C	CORY RAYMER, Wisconsin	6-4/290	Sr.
G	JOE RUDOLPH, Wisconsin	6-2/285	Sr.
G	JON RUNYAN, Michigan	6-8/293	Soph.
QB	TODD COLLINS, Michigan	6-5/229	Sr.
RB	TYRONE WHEATLEY, Michigan	6-1/226	Sr.
RB	BRENT MOSS, Wisconsin	5-9/205	Sr.

### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	MIKKI JOHNSON, Illinois	6-2/273	Jr.
DL	MIKE THOMPSON, Wisconsin	6-4/275	Sr.
DL	JUAN HAMMONDS, Michigan State	6-3/241	Sr.
LB	DANA HOWARD, Illinois	6-0/239	Sr.
LB	LORENZO STYLES, Ohio State	6-2/245	Jr.
LB	SIMEON RICE, Illinois	6-4/243	Jr.
LB	MATT DYSON, Michigan	6-5/256	Sr.
DB	TY LAW, Michigan	6-0/189	Jr.
DB	JEFF MESSENGER, Wisconsin	5-10/190	Sr.
DB	MARLON KERNER, Ohio State	5-11/188	Sr.
DB	ROBERT CRUMPTON, Illinois	6-0/191	Sr.

### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	BILL MANOLOPOULOS, Indiana	5-10/155	Soph.
P	JIM DIGUILIO, Indiana	6-0/180	Sr.
KR	BOBBY ENGRAM, Penn State	5-10/185	Jr.

## SECOND TEAM

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	BOBBY ENGRAM, Penn State	5-10/185	Jr.
WR	AMANI TOOMER, Michigan	6-3/182	Jr.
TE	KYLE BRADY, Penn State	6-6/260	Sr.
T	MIKE VERSTEGEN, Wisconsin	6-6/300	Sr.
T	TREZELLE JENKINS, Michigan	6-8/298	Jr.
C	MARK BIRCHMEIER, Michigan State	6-3/275	Sr.
G	JOE MARINARO, Michigan	6-4/294	Jr.
G	JEFF HARTINGS, Penn State	6-3/275	Jr.
QB	DARRELL BEVELL, Wisconsin	6-2/200	Jr.
RB	KI-JANA CARTER, Penn State	5-10/212	Jr.
RB	MIKE ALSTOTT, Purdue	6-0/236	Jr.

### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	RANDALL BROWN, Ohio State	6-3/250	Sr.
DL	ED HAWTHORNE, Minnesota	6-2/311	Sr.
DL	TODD ATKINS, Penn State	6-3/244	Jr.
LB	JOHN HOLECEK, Illinois	6-2/228	Sr.
LB	JARRETT IRONS, Michigan	6-1/221	Soph.
LB	BRIAN GELZHEISER, Penn State	6-1/235	Sr.
LB	STEVE MORRISON, Michigan	6-3/238	Sr.
DB	ANTWOINE PATTON, Illinois	5-11/202	Jr.
DB	WILLIAM BENNETT, Northwestern	6-1/195	Jr.
DB	DEOLLO ANDERSON, Michigan	6-0/199	Soph.
DB	KENNY GALES, Wisconsin	5-11/175	Sr.

### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	SAM VALENZISI, Northwestern	5-7/156	Jr.
P	NICK GALLERY, Iowa	6-4/215	Soph.
KR	MILL COLEMAN, Michigan State	5-10/168	Sr.

Colorado, Sept. 24; at Iowa, Oct. 1; Michigan State, Oct. 8; Penn State, Oct. 15; at Illinois, Oct. 22; Wisconsin, Oct. 29; at Purdue, Nov. 5; Minnesota, Nov. 12; at Ohio State, Nov. 19.  
Last league title won: 1992.  
Site: Ann Arbor, Mich.

## PENN STATE

**Offensive strengths:** Penn State boasts a bevy of fine tailbacks, including Ki-Jana Carter, Mike Archie and Stephen Pitts. That should come as no surprise. But the fact the Nittany Lions feature a standout receiving crew is out of the ordinary.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Quarterback Kerry Collins needs to shake his happy feet in the pocket and take advantage of the game-breaking abilities of the receivers, including electrifying Bobby Engram.

**Defensive strengths:** Surprise, the Lions are loaded at linebacker. Brian Gelzheiser is the best of a veteran group that will need to be outstanding to help Penn State compensate for the loss of three starters in the secondary and a pair of first-team tackles.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The aforementioned loss of three starters from the secondary and of pass-rush stalwarts Lou Benfatti and Tyoka Jackson, who helped Penn State pace the Big Ten in sacks (38) last season, from the line will beg opponents to throw against Penn State.

**Special teams:** Kicker Craig Fayak, Penn State's career scoring leader, is gone, but Brett Conway will supply a stronger leg and equal reliability. Several players are vying for punting chores. Engram, Archie and Pitts make the return game spectacular.

**Key to success:** Collins must get the most from a potentially high-scoring offense, because widespread defensive losses figure to make the Lions vulnerable.

**Outlook:** Penn State came close to winning the Big Ten in its first season in the league last year. In 1994, the Nittany Lions will come close again. Fans in Happy Valley will be treated to offensive fireworks, but the defense figures to douse any title hopes Penn State may harbor.

**Coach Joe Paterno says:** "I'm a little worried about replacing Lou Benfatti, Tyoka Jackson and (linebacker) Eric Ravotti. Even if we can replace them, or get some people to do an adequate job, we might not have any backup people. That's my biggest concern."

### NITTANY LIONS DATA

**Coach:** Joe Paterno (257-69-3, 28 years).  
**1993 record:** 10-2 (beat Tennessee in Citrus Bowl). Big Ten: 6-2/3rd.

**Key losses:** Lou Benfatti, DT; Derek Bochna, S; Craig Fayak, K; Shelly Hammonds, CB; Rob Holmberg, LB; Tyoka Jackson, DT; Chip LaBarca, WR; Mike Malinoski, OG; Brian Monaghan, LB; V.J. Muscillo, P; Brian O'Neal, FB; Derick Pickett, OT; Eric Ravotti, LB; Lee Rubin, S.  
**Starters returning:** Offense (7): Kyle Brady, TE, 6-6/260, Sr.; Ki-Jana Carter, TB, 5-10/212, Jr.; Kerry Collins, QB, 6-5/235, Sr.; Bobby Engram, WR, 5-10/185, Jr.; Bucky Greeley, C, 6-3/277, Sr.; Jeff Hartings, G, 6-3/275, Jr.; Marco Rivera, T, 6-5/280, Jr. Defense (3): Eric Clair, NT, 6-2/269, Jr.; Marlon Forbes, CB, 6-1/210, Sr.; Brian Gelzheiser, LB, 6-1/235, Sr. Kickers: None.

**Other key returnees:** Mike Archie, TB, Jr.; Todd Atkins, DT, Jr.; Phil Collins, WR, Sr.; Keith Conlin, OG, Jr.; Brett Conway, K, Soph.; Cliff Dingle, S, Jr.; Andre Johnson, OT, Jr.; Keith Olsommer, TE, Soph.; Tony Pittman, CB, Sr.; Stephen Pitts, TB,

Jr.; Freddie Scott, WR, Soph.; Willie Smith, LB, Sr.; Barry Tielisch, C, Soph.; Justin Williams, WR, Jr.; Jon Witman, FB, Jr.; Phil Yeboah-Kodie, LB, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Ahmad Collins, LB, Fr. (RS); Shino Prater, CB, Fr. (RS); Floyd Wedderburn, DT, Fr.

**Schedule:** At Minnesota, Sept. 3; Southern California, Sept. 10; Iowa, Sept. 17; Rutgers, Sept. 24; at Temple, Oct. 1; at Michigan, Oct. 15; Ohio State, Oct. 29; at Indiana, Nov. 5; at Illinois, Nov. 12; Northwestern, Nov. 19; Michigan State, Nov. 26.

**Last league title won:** None.

**Site:** University Park, Pa.



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It's no surprise that Penn State, which came close to winning the Big Ten last season, has a deep and talented group of tailbacks, including junior Ki-Jana Carter.



## WISCONSIN

**Offensive strengths:** Tailback Brent Moss is the nation's leading returning rusher, having gained 1,479 yards in 1993. The consensus Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year last year, Moss may win the Heisman Trophy this season, unless backup Terrell Fletcher, who gained 932 yards last year, steals too much of Moss' thunder. Quarterback Darrell Bevell, who offers a mature, steady hand, will work behind the league's finest line, headed by star center Cory Raymer. J.C. Dawkins and Lee DeRamus are fine receivers.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Replacing fullback Mark Montgomery won't be easy. When he was ejected from the Rose Bowl, Wisconsin struggled to move the football, which proved Montgomery's value.

**Defensive strengths:** Pressuring opposing quarterbacks shouldn't be a problem, given the return of tackle Mike Thompson, who paced the Big Ten with 10 sacks last year, and the expected return to health of linebacker Chad Yocum, who missed most of last season with a back injury. Free safety Jeff Messenger paced the Big Ten with six interceptions in 1993.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The Badgers don't have much speed in the secondary and they lost the heart of their run defense with the graduation of noseguard Lamark Shackerford and tackle Carlos Fowler. Teams simply don't lose talent like that and not feel it.

**Special teams:** Coffin-corner punters don't come any better than Sam Veit, who had 12 of 39 punts downed inside the 20-yard line, including seven inside the 5. Kicker Rick Schnetzky, who made four of seven field-goal attempts, should be improved. John Hall will kick off and attempt long field goals. Carl McCullough could be a dangerous return man.

**Outlook:** With all of the talent Wisconsin has returning, it appears foolish not to pick the Badgers to again win the league crown. But the one thing they don't have again is a favorable schedule, as evidenced by back-to-back road games at Michigan and Ohio State



DAVE STLUKA

Once again, Wisconsin will have a potent tailback tandem, including Terrell Fletcher. As a junior last season, Fletcher ran for 932 yards in a reserve roll as the Badgers advanced to the Rose Bowl and beat UCLA.

late in the year. That could doom Wisconsin's chances of again smelling Roses.

**Coach Barry Alvarez says:** "Most of our ball club is back. The difference is that this group, in addition to its experience, has bought into our plan and achieved significant success."

**BADGERS DATA** Coach: Barry Alvarez (21-23-1, 4 years).

1993 record: 10-1-1 (beat UCLA in Rose Bowl). Big Ten:

6-1-1/T1st.

**Key losses:** Yusef Burgess, LB; Carlos Fowler, DT; Reggie Holt, SS; Mark Montgomery, FB; Scott Nelson, FS; Joe Panos, OT; Lamark Shackerford, NG.

**Starters returning: Offense (9):** Darrell Bevell, QB, 6-2/200, Jr.; J.C. Dawkins, FL, 6-0/190, Sr.; Lee DeRamus, SE, 6-2/200, Sr.; Brent Moss, TB, 5-9/205, Sr.; Cory Raymer, C, 6-4/290, Sr.; Michael Roan, TE, 6-4/245, Sr.; Joe Rudolph, G, 6-2/285, Sr.; Steve Stark, G, 6-3/280, Jr.; Mike Verstegen, T, 6-6/300, Sr.

**Defense (6):** Kenny Gales, CB, 5-11/175, Sr.; Chris Hein, LB, 6-1/220, Sr.; Bryan Jurewicz, LB (will move to T), 6-5/250, Soph.; Jeff Messenger, CB (will move to FS), 5-10/190, Sr.; Mike Thompson, T, 6-4/275, Sr.; Eric Unverzagt, LB, 6-2/230, Jr.

**Kickers (2):** Rick Schnetzky, K, 5-10/170, Sr.; Sam Veit, P, 5-9/170, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Donny Brady, CB, Sr.; Cayetano Castro, OT, Soph.; Pete Diatelevi, LB, Soph.; Terrell Fletcher, TB, Sr.; John Hall, K, Soph.; Ron Johnson, FB, Jr.; Jason Malecki, NG, Jr.; Carl McCullough, TB, Soph.; Pete Monty, LB, Soph.; Matt Nyquist, TE, Jr.; Jerry Wunsch, OT, Soph.; Chad Yocum, LB, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Damon Glenn, CB, Fr. (RS); Al Jackson, NG, Jr. (JC); Darrell Larsen, TE, Jr. (JC); Royce Roberson, FB, Fr. (RS); Tony Simmons, SE, Fr. (RS); Jason Suttle, CB, Fr. (RS); Reggie Torian, SE, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** Eastern Michigan, Sept. 10; at Colorado, Sept. 17;

Indiana, Sept. 24; at Michigan State, Oct. 1; at Northwestern, Oct. 8; Purdue, Oct. 15; Minnesota, Oct. 22; at Michigan, Oct. 29; at Ohio State, Nov. 5; Cincinnati, Nov. 12; Illinois, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1993.

**Site:** Madison, Wis.

## ILLINOIS

**Offensive strengths:** Familiarity should make the Fighting Illini better. Last year, first-year coordinator Greg Landry was looking for a quarterback, running backs and wide receivers. Now he knows his personnel

and they know him. Ty Douthard is a good, albeit undersized, fullback.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Skill players abound, but with newcomers at center and both tackle spots, quarterback Johnny Johnson may need even more scrambling skills than he showcased last season. Also, the Illini lack speed at receiver and in the backfield.

**Defensive strengths:** Every starter is back. The talent is deepest at linebacker, where Dana Howard, selected by league coaches as the Big Ten's Defensive Player of the Year in '93, headlines a unit that ranks as the nation's best. Safeties Antwoine Patton and Tyrone Washington are hard hitters for a unit that ranked 14th in the nation and third in the Big Ten in total defense (309.3 yards per game) last year. Mikki Johnson is a stellar nose tackle.

**Defensive weaknesses:** There aren't many. However, Patton was the only player from the secondary to intercept more than one pass last season, so it's clear the pass coverage could improve.

**Special teams:** Illinois lacks a game-breaking threat on both kickoff and punt returns, and it could have trouble with its placements if three-year starter Chris Richardson is slow to recover from off-season knee surgery that sidelined him last spring. Brett Larsen will punt.

**Outlook:** Illinois could have won the Big Ten outright last season with victories in its last two games. It could be in the same position again this season, when it plays six of its first seven games within the state borders. Thanks to its defense, the Illini should return to a bowl after missing out on postseason action last season for the first time since the 1987 campaign. **Coach Lou Tepper says:** "I think we're in the midst of the race. We have a large num-

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Illinois sophomore Ty Douthard, one of seven returning starters on offense, is a good, albeit undersized, fullback.

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ber of returnees. On the other hand, there were seven bowl teams (in the Big Ten) a year ago and three Top 10 teams a year ago and most of them also have a lot of returning people. I think we'll be in the picture."

## FIGHTING ILLINI DATA

Coach: Lou Tepper (11-12-1, 2 years).

1993 record: 5-6. Big Ten: 5-3/74th.

Key losses: Randy Bierman, OT; Greg Engel, C; David Olson, TE; Phil Rathke, OT; Forry Wells, P.

Starters returning: Offense (7): Derek Allen, G, 6-3/287, Sr.; Ken Dilger, TE, 6-5/255, Sr.; Ty Douthard, FB, 6-1/197, Soph.; Jason Dulick, WR, 6-4/192, Soph.; Johnny Johnson, QB, 6-1/213, Jr.; Jon Kerr, G, 6-3/295, Sr.; Jasper Strong, SE, 6-0/177, Sr.

Defense (11): Chad Copher, T, 6-7/263, Sr.; Robert Crumpton, CB, 6-0/191, Sr.; Kevin Hardy, LB, 6-4/236, Jr.; John Holecak, LB, 6-2/228, Sr.; Dana Howard, LB, 6-0/239, Sr.; Mikki Johnson, NT, 6-2/273, Jr.; Tim McCloud, T, 6-1/258, Jr.; Antwoine Patton, FS, 5-11/202, Jr.; Mike Russell, CB, 6-0/193, Jr.; Simeon Rice, LB, 6-4/243, Jr.; Tyrone Washington, SS, 5-10/183, Jr.

Kickers (2): Brett Larsen, P, 5-10/204, Jr.; Chris Richardson, K, 6-3/273, Sr.

Other key returnees: Ken Blackman, DT (will move to OT), Jr.; Rod Boykin, CB, Sr.; Charles Edwards, OT, Jr.; Chris Koerwitz, C, Soph.; Marquis Mosely, SE, Soph.; Damien Platt, RB, Soph.; Melvin Roberts, LB, Jr.; Mike Suarez, OT, Sr.

Top newcomers: Chris Brown, OG, Fr. (RS); Robert Holcombe, RB, Fr.; Mack Jacobs, RB, Fr.; Steve Willis, DB, Fr.

Schedule: Washington State (at Chicago), Sept. 1; Missouri, Sept. 10; Northern Illinois, Sept. 17; Purdue, Oct. 1; at Ohio State, Oct. 8; Iowa, Oct. 15; Michigan, Oct. 22; at Northwestern, Oct. 29; at Minnesota, Nov. 5; Penn State, Nov. 12; at Wisconsin, Nov. 19.

Last league title won: 1990.

Site: Champaign, Ill.

## OHIO STATE

**Offensive strengths:** All-Big Ten split end Joey Galloway tied a school record with 11 touchdown catches last season and flirted with several other marks. He could get the ball twice as often this year, with Ohio State planning to utilize him frequently on option pitches, counters and reverses. Bobby Hoying is a veteran quarterback who can get Galloway the ball.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Gimmicks to get Galloway the ball are a must, considering four starters are gone from the line. Tackle Korey Stringer, tabbed the Big Ten's Offensive Lineman of the Year by league coaches in '93, isn't a bad place to start the rebuilding job. But injuries in the spring shelved some players the coaches were counting on to patch the holes. Speaking of patching holes, tailbacks Raymont Harris and Butler By'not'e must be replaced. Eddie George may be up to the task.

**Defensive strengths:** Middle linebacker Lorenzo Styles earned all-conference honors as a sophomore last year and made everyone forget Steve Tovar. Pair Styles with super-fast outside linebacker Craig Powell, and the Buckeyes boast two of the league's best players at their respective positions.

**Defensive weaknesses:** All-America Dan (Big Daddy) Wilkinson's early departure for the NFL, the graduation of school career sack leader Jason Simmons and the 1993 death of Jayson Gwinn weakens Ohio State's line.

**Special teams:** Galloway will dominate the return game, but placements could be an adventure. Ohio State not only lost four-year kicker Tim Williams, it also lost his holder and long snapper. Scott Terna will handle punting duties.

**Outlook:** Coach John Cooper is coming off his best season in Columbus and could be headed for his worst nightmare. The Buckeyes, who last year won their first share of a Big Ten title since 1986, lost too many key



Ohio State middle linebacker Lorenzo Styles earned all-conference honors as a sophomore last year and made everyone forget Steve Tovar.

players (especially on offense) to remain on top of the league. They'll have to wait another year to go to the Rose Bowl, where they haven't been since after the '84 season.

**Coach John Cooper says:** "We lost some great players who are going to be very hard to replace. We've recruited some young players the past few years who we think will help us, but whether they know how hard they have to work to be successful is something we won't know until we get out there."

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## BUCKEYES DATA

Coach: John Cooper (45-22-4, 6 years; 127-62-5 overall, 16 years).

1993 record: 10-1-1 (beat Brigham Young in Holiday Bowl).

Big Ten: 6-1-1/71st.

Key losses: Butler By'not'e, TB; Jeff Cothran, FB; Raymont Harris, TB; Alan Kline, OT; Dave Monnot, OG; Chico Nelson, SS; Cedric Saunders, TE; Jason Simmons, DE; Walter Taylor, FS (academics); Jack Thrush, C; Tim Walton, CB; Dan Wilkinson, DT (declared for NFL draft); Mark Williams, LB; Tim Williams, K; Jason Winrow, OG.

Starters returning: Offense (4): Joey Galloway, SE, 5-10/175, Sr.; Bobby Hoying, QB, 6-4/223, Jr.; Chris Sanders, FL, 6-1/175, Sr.; Korey Stringer, T, 6-6/310, Jr.

Defense (5): Randall Brown, E (will move to T), 6-3/250, Sr.; Luke Fickell, NG, 6-4/255, Soph.; Marlon Kemmer, CB, 5-11/188, Sr.; Craig Powell, LB, 6-4/227, Jr.; Lorenzo Styles, LB, 6-2/245, Jr.

Kickers (1): Scott Terna, P, 6-0/190, Sr.

Other key returnees: Eddie George, TB, Jr.; Terry Glenn, FL, Soph.; Anthony Gwinn, SS, Soph.; Juan Porter, OG, Soph.; Brian Smith, C, Soph.; Mike Vrabel, DE, Soph.

Top newcomers: Eric Gohistin, OL, Fr.; Stanley Jackson, QB, Fr. (RS); Mike Malfatti, K, Fr. (RS); Dee Miller, WR, Fr.; Orlando Pace, OL, Fr.; Shawn Springs, CB, Fr. (RS); Mark Zban, QB, Fr. (RS).

Schedule: Fresno State, Aug. 29 (Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim, Calif.); at Washington, Sept. 10; Pittsburgh, Sept. 17; Houston, Sept. 24; at Northwestern, Oct. 1; Illinois, Oct. 8; at Michigan State, Oct. 15; Purdue, Oct. 22; at Penn State, Oct. 29; Wisconsin, Nov. 5; at Indiana, Nov. 12; Michigan, Nov. 19.

Last league title won: 1993.

Site: Columbus, O.

## MICHIGAN STATE

**Offensive strengths:** Michigan State may have its best line since 1987, the last season the Spartans went to the Rose Bowl. Five of Michigan State's top six linemen from last year return, which invites Coach George Perles to emphasize the ground game he loves so much. Perles will have plenty of running backs to choose from, including Duane Goulbourne, who paced the club with 973 rushing yards last year.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Jim Miller's graduation leaves an unsettled situation at quarterback, all the more reason for the Spartans to emphasize the run. Speedy flanker Mill Coleman needs to get the ball, but will he?

**Defensive strengths:** Middle linebacker Reggie Garnett, the consensus Big Ten Freshman of the Year in '93, may not be Percy Snow, but he has three more years to perfect his impression. Team him with outside linebacker Matt Christensen, and run support shouldn't be a problem. Three returning starters on the line, including standout end Juan Hammonds, also will offer plenty of support.

**Defensive weaknesses:** A secondary that finished ninth in the Big Ten in passing defense last year must replace two starters from '93. Hence, Michigan State experimented with a 3-4 alignment in the spring so it would have another linebacker to help in pass-coverage situations. Depth at linebacker is a concern.

**Special teams:** Poor place-kicking cost the Spartans at least two games last year, and the problem still hasn't been solved. Michigan State hopes Brad Costello and Chris Gardner have some answers. Coleman and Steve Hol-



man form a return tandem that's not only potent, it's poetic. Mitch McKinney will challenge Chris Salani for punting chores.

**Outlook:** If Perles lets junior college quarterback Tony Banks show off the passing skills he exhibited last spring, the Spartans could have an offense capable of getting them into the league's upper echelon.

**Coach George Perles says:** "The key to improvement is our defense and the kicking game. We want to be more aggressive in creating turnovers, even if it means taking chances."

**SPARTANS DATA** Coach: George Perles (68-56-4, 11 years).

**1993 record:** 6-6 (lost to Louisville in Liberty Bowl). Big Ten: 4-4/7th.

**Key losses:** Brice Abrams, FB; Myron Bell, DB; Rob Fredrickson, LB; Rich Glover, DE; Brett Lorus, OG; Jim Miller, QB; Bill Stoyanovich, K; Craig Thomas, TB; Steve Wasylik, FS.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (8):** Mark Birchmeier, C, 6-3/275, Sr.; Mill Coleman, FL, 5-10/166, Sr.; Colin Cronin, G, 6-7/285, Sr.; Brian DeMarco, T, 6-7/316, Sr.; Duane Goulbourne, TB, 5-9/181, Jr.; Shane Hannah, T, 6-5/321, Sr.; Bob Organ, TE, 6-3/265, Sr.; Napoleon Outlaw, WR, 5-10/160, Jr. **Defense (7):** Yakini Allen, T, 6-2/272, Jr.; Stan Callender, CB, 6-1/193, Sr.; Matt Christensen, LB, 6-4/235, Sr.; Reggie Garnett, LB, 6-2/220, Soph.; Juan Hammonds, E, 6-3/241, Sr.; Aaron Jackson, T, 6-4/269, Sr.; Damian Manson, SS, 6-2/202, Sr. **Kickers (1):** Chris Salani, P, 6-1/219, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** Luke Bencie, QB, Jr.; Nigea Carter, FL, Soph.; Bob Denton, OG, Jr.; Jay Greene, TE, Sr.; Scott Greene, FB, Jr.; Aldi Henry, FS, Soph.; Steve Holman, TB, Jr. (status uncertain; suspended in off-season); Ricardo Jackson,

LB, Sr.; Demetrice Martin, CB, Jr.; Robert McBride, DT, Jr.; Dale Person, DT, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Tony Banks, QB, Jr. (JC); Anthony (Amp) Campbell, DB, Fr.; Brad Costello, K, Fr. (RS); Chris Gardner, K, Fr.; Dante Hardy, LB, Soph. (Prop 48); Octavis Long, WR/DB, Fr. (RS); Mitch McKinney, P, Fr. (RS); Corey McLane, CB, Fr.; Antwain Patrick, TB, Fr. (RS); Carl Reeves, LB, Soph. (Prop 48); Ike Reese, LB/TE, Fr. (RS); Marc Renaud, TB, Fr. (RS); **Schedule:** At Kansas, Sept. 10; Notre Dame, Sept. 17; Miami of Ohio, Sept. 24; Wisconsin, Oct. 1; at Michigan, Oct. 8; Ohio State, Oct. 15; at Iowa, Oct. 22; Indiana, Oct. 29; at Northwestern, Nov. 5; Purdue, Nov. 12; at Penn State, Nov. 26.

**Last league title won:** 1990.

**Site:** East Lansing, Mich.

## MINNESOTA

**Offensive strengths:** The Golden Gophers are the best passing team (297.9 yards per game in '93) in a league that still lags behind the rest of the nation in offensive imagination. Quarterbacks Tim Schade and Scott Eckers should be even better with a year's experience. Should they fail, promising redshirt freshman Cory Sauter may be thrown into the fray.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Like pass-oriented teams, Minnesota struggles to score when faced with short-yardage situations near the goal line. Without bruising running back Antonio Carter, that problem may only get worse.

**Defensive strengths:** Tackles Doyle Cockrell and Ed Hawthorne play the run pretty well, but they don't get much chance to show that ability with opponents passing the Gophers silly.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Just one: Minnesota can't stop anybody. In 1993, Minnesota finished 11th in the Big Ten in total defense (417.4 yards per game) and scoring defense (31.9 points per game).

With only five starters back, that isn't likely to change.

**Special teams:** Minnesota's punting and kicking games have been atrocious, despite the advantages of playing in the climate-controlled Metrodome. Kicker Mike Chalberg hit just eight of 14 field-goal attempts last year, and the Gophers' 29.7-yard average placed last in the Big Ten in net punting.

**Outlook:** Minnesota should be in for more thrills with an offense that creates havoc and a defense that can't protect a lead. In 1993, the Gophers lost three games by five points or fewer and won three others in the final seconds; 1994 should be no less thrilling.

**Coach Jim Wacker says:** "We were oh-so-close to three more wins. But now, coming close won't cut it. Winning is contagious. We want to win the close games this year."

**GOLDEN GOPHERS DATA** Coach: Jim Wacker

(6-16, 2 years; 150-107-3 overall, 23 years).

**1993 record:** 4-7. Big Ten: 3-5/7th.

**Key losses:** Dennis Cappella, DE; Antonio Carter, RB; Omar Douglas, WR; Neil Fredenburg, C; Russ Heath, LB; Ron Holly, P; Andy Kratochvil, DE; Drinon Mays, CB; Jeff Rosga, FS; Rob Rogers, OT; Andrew Veit, LB.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (8):** Scott Eckers, QB, 6-4/205, Sr.; Eric Dalen, TE, 6-6/213, Sr.; Chris Darkins, RB, 6-1/207, Jr.; Chris Fowlkes, G, 6-4/328, Jr.; Lewis Garrison, FL, 6-0/172, Sr.; Aaron Osterman, SE, 6-0/197, Sr.; Rick Thome, G, 6-4/284, Sr.; David Vertin, T, 6-6/257, Sr. **Defense (5):** Doyle Cockrell, T, 6-4/270, Sr.; Justin Conzemius, SS, 6-2/215, Jr.; Ed Hawthorne, T, 6-2/311, Sr.; Juan Hunter, CB, 6-0/166, Sr.; Craig Sauer, LB, 6-2/218, Jr. **Kickers (2):** Mike Chalberg, K, 5-11/178, Jr.; Mike Kimball, P, 6-0/197, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** Terrance Blayne, CB, Soph.; Jerome Davis, DE, Soph.; Rishon Early, WR, Soph.; Mike Giovineti, OT, Jr.; Rodney Heath, CB, Soph.; Peter Hiestand, LB, Jr.; Todd Jesewitz, C, Jr.; Tony Levine, WR, Jr.; Pat O'Brien, OG, Sr.; Chuck Rios, RB, Sr.; Tim Schade, QB, Sr.; Moses Taylor, FS, Sr.; Trevor Walker, DE, Sr.; Todd Wolkow, LB, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Garrison Harmann, P, Jr. (JC); Javon Jackson, RB, Fr. (RS); Jon Jellum, DE, Fr. (RS); Cory Sauter, QB, Fr. (RS); Lamanzer Williams, DE, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** Penn State, Sept. 3; Pacific, Sept. 10; San Diego State, Sept. 17; at Kansas State, Sept. 24; at Indiana, Oct. 1; at Purdue, Oct. 8; Northwestern, Oct. 15; at Wisconsin, Oct. 22; Illinois, Nov. 5; at Michigan, Nov. 12; Iowa, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1967.

**Site:** Minneapolis.

## INDIANA

**Offensive strengths:** John Paci and Chris Dittoe are capable Big Ten quarterbacks. Dittoe is better in the pocket, but Paci's ability to create on the run is a must, considering that the Hoosiers' line should be shaky.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Indiana still isn't running the football the way Coach Bill Mallory would like, and not just because backs like Anthony Thompson and Vaughn Dunbar are in short supply. The blocking just hasn't been present the last two seasons, and unless redshirt freshman tailback Alex Smith is as good as advertised, line play again will inhibit the Hoosiers. Compounding matters is a lack of depth in the receiving corps, which was hurt by the early departure to the NFL by Thomas Lewis.

**Defensive strengths:** Few. Underrated linebacker Alfonzo Thurman led the Hoosiers with 108 tackles last year, including six stops for losses.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Only three starters return to a unit that ranked 10th in nation and second in the Big Ten in total defense (303.3 yards per game) last season. That's bad. Additionally, the Hoosiers must learn to play well against good teams, something they didn't do last year, when they permitted 133 points in their four losses and only 64 in their eight victories.

**Special teams:** Lewis' departure hurts the return game, but kicker Bill Manolopoulos and punter Jim DiGuilio are the class of the Big Ten at their respective positions.

**Outlook:** It appears Indiana has too many holes to fill on defense to earn its fourth bowl bid in the last five seasons. But since the schedule doesn't include Michigan and does include its usual lineup of soft non-league opponents, Indiana could sneak into the postseason.

**Coach Bill Mallory says:** "We need some kids



Outside linebacker Matt Christensen provides Michigan State with outstanding run support.

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**Guard Andrew Greene must provide Indiana's quarterbacks with adequate protection.**

to come to the forefront. We worked hard in the off-season, both lifting and in our agility drills. Now we need to have some players surface."

**HOOSIERS DATA** Coach: Bill Mallory (57-56-3, 10 years; 156-108-4 overall, 24 years). 1993 record: 8-4 (lost to Virginia Tech in Independence Bowl). Big Ten: 5-3/T4th.

**Key losses:** Charles Beauchamp, LB; Rod Carey, C; Jay Davis, LB; Chris Dyer, FS; Ross Hales, TE; Thomas Lewis, WR (declared for NFL draft); Hurvin McCormack, DT; Lamar Mills, DE; Jason Orton, CB; Steve Perkins, SS; Mose Richardson, CB; Todd Smith, OG; Bernard Whittington, DE.

**Starters returning: Offense (7):** Eddie Baety, WR, 5-11/175, Sr.; Jermaine Chaney, TB, 6-1/197, Sr.; Sean Glover, FB (will move to TB), 5-11/200, Jr.; Andrew Greene, G, 6-4/285, Sr.; Tom McKinnon, T, 6-6/300, Sr.; John Paci, QB, 6-3/210, Sr.; Clay Williams, T, 6-6/300, Jr. **Defense (3):** Lance Brown, SS, 6-1/203, Sr.; Troy Drake, T, 6-7/273, Sr.; Alfonzo Thurman, LB, 6-1/230, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Jim DiGiulio, P, 6-0/180, Sr.; Bill Manolopoulos, K, 5-10/155, Soph.

**Other key returnees:** Jamie Baisley, LB, Soph.; Nathan Davis, DE, Soph.; Chris Dittoe, QB, Soph.; John Hammerstein, DE, Jr.; Brett Law, TB (will move to CB), Sr.; Tom Lukawski, OG, Soph.; Eric Matthews, WR, Jr.; Kris Mucci, CB, Jr.; Louis Pinnock, DE, Jr.; Eli Rasheed, DT, Jr.; Ghaton Ross, OG, Sr.; Jay Seib, C, Soph.; Eric Smedley, CB, Jr.; Chris Smith, OT, Sr.; Darin Ward, FB, Soph.; Matt Surface, LB, Soph.; Trevor Wilmot, LB, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Eric Allen, DB, Soph. (Prop 48); Bo Barzilauskas, DT, Fr.; Reggie Bryant, TE/LB/DB, Soph. (Prop 48); Alex Smith, TB, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** Central Michigan, Sept. 3; Miami of Ohio, Sept. 10; at Kentucky, Sept. 17; at Wisconsin, Sept. 24; Minnesota, Oct. 1; at Iowa, Oct. 8; Northwestern, Oct. 22; at Michigan State, Oct. 29; Penn State, Nov. 5; Ohio State, Nov. 12; at Purdue, Nov. 19. **Last league title won:** 1967.

Site: Bloomington, Ind.

## IOWA

**Offensive strengths:** Wide receivers Harold Jasper and Anthony Dean, along with tight end Scott Slutzker, could post some impressive numbers, given the protection a line that features four returning starters will provide. Ryan Terry is a decent running back.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Iowa set the standard for Big Ten quarterbacks the last 13 seasons, when it had the All-Big Ten signal-caller seven times. But the position has dropped off dramatically since the departure of Matt Rodgers following the 1991 season. None of the five candidates emerged from spring practice with a firm grip on the job.

**Defensive strengths:** Iowa paced the Big Ten and ranked sixth in the nation in pass-efficiency defense last season. Enough depth returns in the secondary, including free safe-

ty Marquis Porter and cornerback Damien Robinson, to keep that aspect of the defense among the best in the Big Ten.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Why pass against the Hawkeyes when it's so easy to run on them? Last year, Iowa ranked 10th in the Big Ten by allowing a generous 190.7 yards rushing per game. It's hard to figure the Hawkeyes will be any stingier in 1994, considering the departure of All-Big Ten tackle Mike Wells and end Larry Blue.

**Special teams:** Nick Gallery's 41.7-yard punting average was the best at Iowa since 1982. If kicker Todd Romano were as consistent (he hit only 10 of 20 field-goal tries in '93), he wouldn't be in a battle with Brion Hurley for his job. Sedrick Shaw will handle returns.

**Outlook:** Iowa had no business being in a bowl game last year, and California proved that by pasting the Hawkeyes, 37-3, in the Alamo Bowl. Further clouding Iowa's '94 outlook is the fact that in Big Ten games last year, the Hawkeyes finished last in the conference in both scoring (12.4-point average) and total offense (279.1). Couple that with a soft run defense, and Iowa fans need not worry about making postseason plans.

**Coach Hayden Fry says:** "This coming year could be our toughest of all. We're still young. But two years from now, we could be shooting for the whole ball of wax."

**HAWKEYES DATA** Coach: Hayden Fry (111-64-5, 15 years; 200-153-9 overall, 32 years).

1993 record: 6-6 (lost to California in Alamo Bowl). Big Ten: 3-5/T8th.

**Key losses:** Larry Blue, DE; Paul Burmeister, QB; Maurea Crain, NG; Mike Dailey, LB; Cliff King, FB; Bill Lange, OT; Jason Olejniczak, SS; Scott Plate, CB; Mike Wells, DT.

**Starters returning: Offense (8):** Anthony Dean, WR, 6-0/175, Sr.; Harold Jasper, WR, 5-10/165, Sr.; Hal Mady, G, 6-4/285, Sr.; Matt Purdy, G, 6-2/280, Jr.; Scott Slutzker, TE, 6-5/228, Jr.; Ryan Terry, RB, 6-0/203, Sr.; Ross Verba, T, 6-3/235, Soph.; Casey Wiegmann, C, 6-2/270, Jr. **Defense (4):** Marquis Porter, FS, 6-1/185, Sr.; Damien Robinson, CB, 6-2/200, Soph.; Chris Webb, T, 6-4/255, Jr.; Parker Wildeman, T, 6-2/265, Sr. **Kickers (2):**

Nick Gallery, P, 6-4/215, Soph.; Todd Romano, K, 6-2/195, Jr. **Other key returnees:** Pat Boone, DB, Sr.; Bobby Diaco, LB, Jr.; Ryan Driscoll, QB, Soph.; Rodney Filer, FB, Soph.; Willie Guy, WR, Jr.; John Hartlieb, LB, Sr.; Scott Hosier, DT, Sr.; Brion Hurley, K, Soph.; Chris Jackson, DB, Jr.; Jamar Jones, NG, Sr.; Kent Kahl, FB, Sr.; Demo Odems, WR, Soph.; Derek Price, TE, Jr. (RS); Sedrick Shaw, RB, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Tavian Banks, RB, Fr. (RS); Vernon Rollins, LB, Fr.; Corby Smith, QB, Soph. (transfer/Southern California); Vernon Rollins, LB, Fr.; Reynaldo Spalding, LB, Jr. (JC); Scott von der Ahe, LB, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** Central Michigan, Sept. 3; Iowa State, Sept. 10; at Penn State, Sept. 17; at Oregon, Sept. 24; Michigan, Oct. 1; Indiana, Oct. 8; at Illinois, Oct. 15; Michigan State, Oct. 22; at Purdue, Oct. 29; Northwestern, Nov. 12; at Minnesota, Nov. 19. **Last league title won:** 1990.

Site: Iowa City, Ia.

## PURDUE

**Offensive strengths:** Mike Alstott is one of the few true fullbacks left in college football who figures prominently in his team's rushing offense. Additionally, Alstott's 30 catches last year ranked third on the team. His increased role also could open some avenues for tailback Corey Rogers. The line, which has depth, is buoyed by the return of four starters.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Coach Jim Colletto never has been able to get the passing game going the way he wants because he's yet to find a dependable quarterback. Senior Matt Pike apparently won't get another chance, unless sophomore Rick Trefzger blows the No. 1 job he earned after starting the final five games of 1993. The Boilermakers must replace their top two receivers.

**Defensive strengths:** Presumably, Purdue has solved the problems that forced the resignation of its coordinator and line coach following an embarrassing 59-56 loss at Minnesota last October. That stability can't help but improve a unit that ranked last in the league against the run (197.1 yards per game) and pass (163.9) last year. If the unit has a star, it's linebacker Bart Conley.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Where do we be-



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gin? The secondary had been the only bright spot in recent years, but those days are gone with the loss of two key starters. Purdue still hasn't figured out how to rush the passer (just 14 sacks in '93), which is a reason why it allowed opponents to complete a whopping 67.8 percent of their passes last year. The line lacks size and isn't very physical.

**Special teams:** Brad Bobich is a good kicker, if he's attempting a field goal inside 35 yards. Punter Rob Deignan is a bright spot. He has the leg to bail the offense out of trouble. The departure of Jermaine Ross leaves both return roles open.

**Outlook:** Improvement seems inevitable, considering Purdue is coming off its worst season since 1942. But a schedule that takes the Boilermakers away from home for three of their first four league games does them no favors. In short, Purdue fans will suffer the ignominy of a 10th straight losing season.

**Coach Jim Colletto says:** "We don't even refer to what has gone on in the past. I'm not even going to talk about it. I don't dwell on losing. One nice thing about football, when a new season comes around, what happened nine months ago is gone."

**BOILERMAKERS DATA** Coach: Jim Colletto (9-24, 3 years; 26-62-1 overall, 8 years).

**1993 record:** 1-10. Big Ten: 0-8/T10th.

**Key losses:** Elvin Caldwell, OG; James Cole, DE; Jeff Hill, FL; Pat Johnson, FS; Jermaine Ross, SE; Jimmy Young, CB.

**Starters returning:** Offense (8): Mike Alstott, FB, 6-0/236, Jr.; Scott Green, TE, 6-3/240, Sr.; Ryan Grigson, T, 6-5/304, Sr.; Alfie Hill, T, 6-3/298, Jr.; Corey Rogers, TB, 5-11/205, Jr.; Chris Sedoris, G, 6-3/279, Jr.; Rick Tretzger, QB, 6-1/195, Soph.; Emmett Ziletti, C, 6-2/273, Soph. Defense (8): Romond Batten, LB, 6-0/230, Sr.; Bart Conley, LB, 6-3/215, Jr.; Joe Hagins, LB, 6-0/200, Soph.; Aaron Hall, LB, 6-0/225, Jr.; Darrell Howard, E, 6-3/245, Soph.; John Jackson, CB, 5-8/186, Sr.; Ben Metzger, T, 6-4/258, Jr.; Jayme Washel, T, 6-1/254, Jr. Kickers (2): Brad Bobich, K, 6-1/220, Jr.; Rob Deignan, P, 6-3/202, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** Mike Cardona, OT, Sr.; Eric Gray, DT, Sr.; Chris Koeppen, LB, Soph.; Damon Lewis, OG, Soph.; Brian Lohman, FS, Jr.; Kevin Nolan, CB (will move to FS), Sr.; Bob O'Connor, LB, Jr.; Kirk Olivadotti, WR, Soph.; Matt Pike, QB, Sr.; Terry Samuel, SE, Sr.; Kevin Sellers, TB, Soph.; Burt Thornton, FL, Sr.; Brian Thurman, SS, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Brian Alford, WR, Fr. (RS); Craig Allen, WR, Jr. (JC); Jon Blackman, TE, Fr. (RS); Lee Brush, DB, Fr.; Billy Dicken, QB, Fr. (RS); John Hoogendoorn, DT, Fr. (RS); Reggie Johnson, DB, Fr. (RS); Ken Matthews, TB, Fr. (RS); Chike Okeator, LB, Fr.; Bobby Owens, CB, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** Toledo, Sept. 10; Ball State, Sept. 17; at Notre Dame, Sept. 24; at Illinois, Oct. 1; Minnesota, Oct. 8; at Wisconsin, Oct. 15; at Ohio State, Oct. 22; Iowa, Oct. 29; Michigan, Nov. 5; at Michigan State, Nov. 12; Indiana, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1967.

**Site:** West Lafayette, Ind.

## NORTHWESTERN

**Offensive strengths:** Tailback Dennis Lundy is dangerous as both a rusher and receiver. He should be even more effective working behind a veteran line that is bolstered by great depth and star guard Matt O'Dwyer. Shane Graham is a promising tight end.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Quarterback Len Williams was a four-year starter and the Wildcats' big-play man, so his departure puts considerable pressure on sophomore replacement Steve Schnur. No one on the roster can replace receiver Lee Gissendaner, although Mike Senters is a decent wideout.

**Defensive strengths:** Eight starters return, including free safety William Bennett. He holds his own even when asked to assist in a linebacker's role as a run supporter. It's no wonder opposing wideouts dread seeing him on crossing routes. Add cornerback Chris



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Martin and Rodney Ray, and the Wildcats have a solid secondary.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Northwestern still lacks the size up front to adequately pressure opposing quarterbacks (a Big Ten-low 12 sacks in '93) and forestall physical running games (180.3 rushing yards per game). The loss of linebacker Steve Shine, the team MVP last year, only compounds those problems.

**Special teams:** The Wildcats could steal a win in this area, because punter Paul Burton's 40.1-yard average can excuse some offensive failings, as can kicker Sam Valenzisi's accuracy (he hit 11 of 16 field-goal attempts in '93). Senters should minimize the loss of Gissendaner's return talents.

**Outlook:** Northwestern must get more production from a ground game that ranked last in the Big Ten (96.8 yards per game) last season, or Schnur will be under attack by opposing pass rushers. But even if that happens, it's not likely the Wildcats will escape the Big Ten cellar.

**Coach Gary Barnett says:** "We have to change our offensive threat. I think that our offensive line is big enough, experienced enough and physical enough that we should be able to improve our rushing game considerably."

**WILDCATS DATA** Coach: Gary Barnett (5-17, 2 years; 13-28-1 overall, 4 years).

**1993 record:** 2-9. Big Ten: 0-8/T10th.

**Key losses:** John Hellebusch, DT; Lee Gissendaner, WR; Steve Ostrowski, LB; Steve Shine, LB; Len Williams, QB; Patrick Wright, WR.

**Starters returning:** Offense (9): Todd Baczek, T, 6-3/285, Sr.; Justin Chabot, T, 6-6/263, Soph.; Dennis Lundy, TB, 5-9/185, Sr.; Chris Gamble, WR, 6-0/181, Sr.; Shane Graham, TE, 6-6/254, Jr.; Rob Johnson, C, 6-2/272, Jr.; Luther Morris, TE (will move to FB), 6-4/235, Sr.; Matt O'Dwyer, T (will move to G), 6-5/295, Sr.; Ryan Padgett, G, 6-3/280, Jr.; Mike Senters, WR, 6-1/178, Sr. Defense (8): William Bennett, FS, 6-1/195, Jr.; Bill

Kozziel, NG, 6-1/265, Sr.; Chris Martin, CB, 5-9/172, Jr.; Rodney Ray, CB, 5-11/181, Jr.; Joe Reiff, T, 6-4/260, Soph.; Korey Singleton, SS, 6-1/208, Sr.; Mike Warren, LB, 6-5/250, Jr.; Hugh Williams, LB, 6-0/245, Sr.; Kickers (2): Paul Burton, P, 5-11/184, Soph.; Sam Valenzisi, K, 5-7/156, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** Todd Pawlowski, OG, Jr.; Steve Schnur, QB, Soph.; Geoff Shein, LB, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** KeJuan DuBose, DT, Fr. (RS); Keith Lozowski, LB, Fr. (RS); Brian Musso, WR, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** Notre Dame (at Chicago), Sept. 3; Stanford, Sept. 10; at Air Force, Sept. 17; Ohio State, Oct. 1; Wisconsin, Oct. 8; at Minnesota, Oct. 15; at Indiana, Oct. 22; Illinois, Oct. 29; Michigan State, Nov. 5; at Iowa, Nov. 12; at Penn State, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1936.

**Site:** Evanston, Ill. ♦



Cornerback Rodney Ray is part of a solid Northwestern secondary.



# SCOUTING THE BIG TEN

**Ascending:** Wisconsin and Michigan. The Badgers can't go much higher than they did last season, when they won the Rose Bowl for the first time ever. But now that they have reached the summit, don't expect the Badgers to fall too far, thanks to Coach Barry Alvarez. Michigan fell out of the Big Ten race early last year. But the youth it was forced to play because of injury problems should pay dividends in 1994, when the Wolverines bid for their seventh title in nine years.

**Descending:** Ohio State and Indiana. Both the Buckeyes and Hoosiers lost too much of the talent that made them factors last year to expect a repeat this season. Inexperience will hamper both programs, with Ohio State suffering on offense and Indiana on defense.

**Nightmare schedule:** Michigan State or Michigan. Aside from playing Notre Dame in the non-conference, the Spartans open Big Ten play by facing Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio State. The Wolverines' problems start immediately with a non-conference slate that features Boston College, Notre Dame and Colorado. After that, Michigan plays Penn State, Illinois and Wisconsin on consecutive Saturdays in October.

**Dream schedule:** Illinois. In non-league action, the Illini faces Washington State (in Chicago) and hosts Missouri and Northern Illinois. In fact, six of Illinois' first seven games will be played in the Land of Lincoln. The Illini has only two tough road contests, at Ohio State and Wisconsin.

**Best matchup of the year:** Wisconsin at Michigan, October 29. The Wolverines want to prove they still own the conference, and what better way to do it than by avenging last season's loss to the defending league co-champion?

**Worst matchup of the year:** Eastern Michigan at Wisconsin, September 10. The Badgers will beat their chest and tell you they're playing at Colorado the next week, but it's about time Wisconsin dumped these non-league jellyfish. The same goes for Iowa and Indiana. Oh, by the way, the Badgers sneak in a home game vs. Cincinnati November 12.

**Shocker of the year:** Ohio State over Michigan, November 19 in Columbus. OK, so it's not Team USA over the Russians at Lake Placid, N.Y. But the Buckeyes haven't beaten the Wolverines since 1987 B.C. (Before Cooper). That's 0-5-1 for you Ohio State fans who are counting (and we know you are).

**Bowl bound:** Michigan, Penn State, Wisconsin and Illinois are locks. Ohio State and Michigan State should get in, while Minnesota and Indiana are long shots.

**Biggest shoes to fill:** Ohio State se-

nior Randall Brown, and it's not just because Dan (Big Daddy) Wilkinson wore size 14s. Wilkinson occupied so many blockers that he made things easy for Brown, who moves from end to tackle this season. Now it's Brown's turn to do the same for his teammates.

**Most underrated player:** Illinois senior

linebacker John Holecek. Illini coaches don't call him "Nitschke" for nothing. If Holecek didn't play beside standout Dana Howard, he would grab headlines. As it is, he grabs heads.

**Impact newcomers:** Craig Allen, WR, Purdue, Jr. (JC); Tony Banks, QB, Michigan State, Jr. (JC); Bo Barzilauskas, DT, Indiana, Fr.; Damon Glenn, CB, Wisconsin, Fr. (RS); Dee Miller, WR, Ohio State, Fr.; Chike Okefor, LB, Purdue, Fr.; Alex Smith, TB, Indiana, Fr. (RS); Corby Smith, QB, Iowa, Soph. (transfer/Southern California); Shawn Springs, CB, Ohio

## HONOR ROLL

<b>Best offensive line:</b> Wisconsin	<b>Best secondary:</b> Michigan
<b>Best offensive backfield:</b> Michigan	<b>Best-hitting defensive back:</b> Deolito Anderson, Michigan
<b>Best backup quarterback:</b> Chris Dillio, Indiana	<b>Best kicking game:</b> Indiana
<b>Best wide receivers:</b> Wisconsin	<b>Best kick-coverage units:</b> Wisconsin
<b>Best clutch receiver:</b> Joey Galloway, Ohio State	<b>Best coaching staff:</b> Wisconsin
<b>Best defensive line:</b> Illinois	<b>Best coach:</b> Barry Alvarez, Wisconsin
<b>Best-hitting defensive lineman:</b> Mike Thompson, Wisconsin	<b>Best Heisman candidate:</b> Tyrone Wheatley, TB, Michigan
<b>Best linebackers:</b> Illinois	<b>Best pro prospect:</b> Tyrone Wheatley, TB, Michigan
<b>Best-hitting linebacker:</b> Lorenzo Styles, Ohio State	

## RETURNING LEADERS

<b>Rushing:</b> Brent Moss, Wisconsin, 134.5 yds./game (276 att., 1,479 yds., 14 TDs, 5.4 avg.).
<b>Passing efficiency:</b> Darrell Bevell, Wisconsin, 161.1 rating pts. (256 att., 177 comp., 2,294 yds., 19 TDs).
<b>Total offense:</b> Darrell Bevell, Wisconsin, 206.4 yds./game (-24 yds. rushing, 2,294 yds. passing, 2,270 total yds.).
<b>Receiving:</b> Lee DeRamus, Wisconsin, 4.9 rec./game (54 rec., 920 yds., 6 TDs, 17.0 avg.).
<b>Scoring:</b> Tyrone Wheatley, Michigan, 8.0 pts./game (12 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 72 pts.).
<b>Punting:</b> Nick Gallery, Iowa, 41.4 avg. (50 punts, 2,071 yds.).
<b>Punt returns:</b> Bobby Engram, Penn State, 12.2 avg. (33 att., 402 yds., 0 TDs).
<b>Kickoff returns:</b> Sedrick Shaw, Iowa, 23.4 avg. (14 att., 327 yds., 0 TDs).
<b>Field goals:</b> Bill Manolopoulos, Indiana, 1.3 FGs/game (14/19 FGs, 74%) and Chris Richardson, Illinois, 1.3 FGs/game (14/20 FGs, 70%).
<b>Interceptions:</b> Jeff Messenger, Wisconsin, .55 int./game (6 int., 41 yds., 0 TDs).



When Wisconsin needed to complete a pass last year, it looked to Lee DeRamus, the Big Ten's top returning receiver.

State, Fr. (RS); Floyd Wedderburn, DT, Penn State, Fr.

**Coach of the year:** He's waited a year, now he waits no longer. The winner is ... Joe Paterno. That is, unless other Big Ten coaches are still too sore about Penn State's admission to the league to vote objectively. **Coach on the hot seat:** Hayden Fry is Iowa football, but he's won so much that Hawkeye fans have forgotten how life was before he arrived and now expect a contending club every year. While the 65-year-old Fry isn't likely to be forced out, he has been hinting about leaving before his previously stated goal of coaching until age 70.

**Best bets:** Michigan's Gary Moeller, Ohio State's John Cooper and Illinois' Lou Tepper will take turns howling at the injustice that forces them to play each other and Penn State and Wisconsin, while the Nit-tany Lions and Badgers avoid each other.

... Barring injury, Ohio State senior split end Joey Galloway will touch the football twice as often as he did last season. ... Illinois will go unbeaten in non-conference play for the first time since 1964, when Dick Butkus was a co-captain of an Illini team that played only two non-league games.

**Odds and ends:** Indiana plays only three games on grass this season. That's good for the Hoosiers, since they've lost their last eight regular-season games on natural turf. Indiana's last victory on grass came in 1990 at Purdue. ... Michigan's sophomore backup tailback answers to the nickname "Touchdown Tim." He has to, because no one can pronounce Tim Biakabutuka's real first name or last name. For the record, his first name is Tshimanga and his surname is pronounced Be-OCH-ah-buh-too-kah. ... Only three Big Ten teams have winning records in bowl games: Penn State (18-10-2), Purdue (4-1) and Northwestern (1-0). Sorry, Michigan, Ohio State and Iowa fans (the Wolverines are 12-13, the Buckeyes 12-14 and the Hawkeyes 6-6-1). ♦

—BRUCE HOOLEY



# Cajuns' defense is the rage in offensive Big West

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Los Angeles Times

No one will confuse Southwestern Louisiana's defense with Arizona's Desert Swarm, but the Ragin' Cajuns are a rare breed for the Big West—a defensive-minded team that can actually shut down opponents.

That's no easy task in a conference where coaches think nothing of passing 50 times a game and where a 50-point effort won't always guarantee victory.

But with a sudden shortage of star offensive players—the Big West lost the national leaders in total offense (Nevada's Chris Vargas) and rushing (Northern Illinois' LeShon Johnson), and two other standout quarterbacks (Utah State's Anthony Calvillo and San Jose State's Jeff Garcia) from last season—the team with the best defense has a slight advantage.

And there's no argument over whose defense is best. Southwestern Louisiana led the conference in total defense, passing defense, rushing defense and scoring defense last season, and two of its best players, free safety Orlanda Thomas and middle linebacker Patrice Alexander, are back.

"They don't do that much on offense, but they're a lot like Arizona," UNLV Coach Jeff Horton said. "Their defense keeps them in games and wins games."

The Ragin' Cajuns were the surprise of the conference in 1993, improving to 8-3 and sharing the league championship with Utah State after going 2-9 as an independent in 1992. Southwestern Louisiana is favored to win again, but not by much—five other coaches also are convinced their teams will contend for the title.

"The great thing about the Big West is six or seven teams could wind up the champion," Northern Illinois Coach Charlie Sadler said. "There's a lot of parity."

And some intrigue, too, thanks to Horton. After the 1992 season, Chris Ault picked Horton to succeed him as coach at Nevada, where Ault remained as athletic director.

When UNLV fired Jim Strong after the '93 campaign, the Runnin' Rebels offered the job to Ault, who turned it down. Then the Rebels went after Horton, who accepted and took six Nevada assistants with him, leaving the Wolf Pack program that Ault had nurtured for 17 years in a state of disarray.

Ault, who has returned as Nevada coach, felt betrayed and hasn't spoken to Horton since. The bitterness among coaches should spice up their November 19 meeting in the Silver Bowl.

"Thank goodness the game is here," Horton said. "I'd need a police escort to get in and out of their stadium."

## SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

**Offensive strengths:** Quarterback Jake Delhomme was expecting to redshirt in 1993, but when Southwestern Louisiana went through three quarterbacks in the first half of its season opener against Utah State, Delhomme got the call for the second half—and

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the rest of the season. The dynamic freshman brought the Ragin' Cajuns to the brink of the Las Vegas Bowl and secured the starting job for the next three seasons.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Unlike 1993, when Louisiana State transfer Marcus Carter bolstered the offense, Delhomme won't have any Southeastern Conference-caliber receivers to throw to.

**Defensive strengths:** Several conference coaches were surprised—and disappointed—that free safety Orlanda Thomas didn't enter the NFL draft last spring. They're not looking forward to dealing with the nation's 1993 interception leader again. Middle linebacker Patrice Alexander is no treat for opponents, either.

**Defensive weaknesses:** A lack of depth on the line will put pressure on tackles Clifton Sylvester and Paul Cabbie and sack-happy end Jeff Mitchell to remain healthy.



Improved line play should ease the burden on New Mexico State quarterback Cody Ledbetter.

**Special teams:** A mystery, for the most part. Mike Shafer is a solid kicker, but no leading candidates for punter, punt returner and kick returner emerged last spring.

**Key to success:** An attacking, gambling defense must continue to make big plays and cause turnovers, giving the offense good field position and creating more scoring opportunities.

**Outlook:** Southwestern Louisiana, the most improved team in college football last season (from two victories in 1992 to eight in '93), has the unique (for the Big West) combination of an excellent defense and proven quarterback, and that gives the Ragin' Cajuns the edge to win it all.

**Coach Nelson Stokley says:** "After being down for a couple years, we raised \$900,000 to build a new weight room and locker room, and we had a great recruiting class. Last year changed everything. I hope it gets us over the hump."

**RAGIN' CAJUNS DATA** Coach: Nelson Stokley (42-45-1, 8 years).

**1993 record:** 8-3. Big West: 5-1/T1st.

**Key losses:** Marcus Carter, WR; Kedrick Gasaway, LB; Harry Lemming, OG; Conrad Lewis, DE; Buck Moncla, TE; Charles Pool, LB; Craig Roberts, CB; John Robinson, DT; Myron Robinson, WR; Robby Waguespack, C; Jody Watkins, P.

**Starters returning: Offense (6):** Kenyon Cotton, FB, 6-0/250, Soph.; Jake Delhomme, QB, 6-2/190, Soph.; Ronald Gunner, T, 6-2/290, Sr.; Keno Hills, T, 6-6/300, Jr.; Steve Moeck, TB, 5-10/205, Sr.; Brian Sansalone, G, 6-4/280, Jr. **Defense (7):** Patrice Alexander, LB, 6-1/255, Sr.; Lerodric Gilmore, SS, 5-10/200, Jr.; Jeff Mitchell, E, 6-1/240, Jr.; Tim Sensley, CB, 5-9/175, Jr.; Clifton Sylvester, T, 6-2/280, Jr.; Fernando Thomas, CB, 6-0/190, Sr.; Orlanda Thomas, FS, 6-2/210, Sr. **Kickers (1):** Mike Shafer, K, 5-10/175, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** Joe Bailey, DE, Sr.; Casey Brabham, LB, Jr.; Paul Cabbie, DT, Soph.; Kevin Chapman, C, Soph. (RS/injury); Sam Heinen, OT, Jr.; Don Paul, OG, Sr. (RS/shoulder); James Pennington, LB, Sr. (RS/academics); Marcus Prier, TB, Jr.; Ron Thomas, WR, Jr.

**Top newcomers:** Dexter Babineaux, OT, Fr. (RS); Marion Goff, LB, Jr. (JC); Garrett Johnson, CB, Fr. (RS); Marcus LeJeune, DT, Soph. (Prop 48); Damon Mason, S, Jr. (JC); Chucky Patton, RB, Soph. (Prop 48); Cody Romero, TE, Soph. (Prop 48); Franco Smith, WR, Fr. (RS); Luke Yarnell, C, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** At Kansas State, Sept. 3; Northern Illinois, Sept. 10; Troy State, Sept. 17; at San Jose State, Sept. 24; at Louisiana Tech, Oct. 1; Arkansas State, Oct. 8; at Southern Mississippi, Oct. 15; at Utah State, Oct. 22; UNLV, Nov. 5; at Texas Tech, Nov. 12; Western Michigan, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1993.

**Site:** Lafayette, La.

## NEW MEXICO STATE

**Offensive strengths:** The addition of six junior college transfers helps boost the line to an average of close to 300 pounds per man. Improved play there should ease the burden on versatile quarterback Cody Ledbetter, an elusive scrambler who is much more effective in the pocket.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Dangerous receiver Lucious Davis was having academic difficulties last spring, and the Aggies can't afford to lose him; of his 36 receptions last year, eight went for touchdowns.

**Defensive strengths:** The line will be completely new, but Coach Jim Hess is so confident in junior college transfers such as Bernie Johnson, Nesinali Tuipuloto and Dwayne Waltower, he'll likely switch from a 3-4 to a 4-3 scheme.

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# PRESEASON ALL-BIG WEST TEAM

## PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

### OFFENSE



PROFFAIL  
GRIER  
RB, Utah State

### DEFENSE



ORLANDA  
THOMAS  
FS, SW Louisiana

## NEWCOMERS OF THE YEAR

OFFENSE: Alex Van Dyke, WR, Nevada

DEFENSE: Keith Washington, E, Louisiana Tech

## FIRST TEAM

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	MIKE SENIOR, Nevada	6-2/200	Sr.
WR	LUCIOUS DAVIS, New Mexico State	5-11/170	Jr.
TE	XAVIER FOREMAN, Utah State	6-3/215	Sr.
T	KENO HILLS, SW Louisiana	6-6/300	Jr.
T	DEREK SHOLDICE, Northern Illinois	6-4/303	Jr.
C	HOWARD MCGOWAN, UNLV	6-4/260	Sr.
G	MARK WELKER, Nevada	6-2/260	Sr.
G	DARRIN MITCHELL, Utah State	6-4/250	Soph.
QB	CODY LEDBETTER, New Mexico State	6-1/195	Jr.
RB	PROFFAIL GRIER, Utah State	5-8/185	Jr.
RB	MARCELLUS CHRISHON, Nevada	5-9/175	Sr.

### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	ED RUFUS, Arkansas State	5-11/275	Sr.
DL	PRATT LYONS, Utah State	6-6/278	Soph.
DL	JEFF MITCHELL, SW Louisiana	6-1/240	Jr.
LB	DAN GODFREY, San Jose State	5-9/217	Sr.
LB	PATRICE ALEXANDER, SW Louisiana	6-1/271	Sr.
LB	FRED PRICE, Louisiana Tech	6-3/220	Sr.
LB	WILLIE JACKSON, Utah State	5-11/230	Sr.
DB	ORLANDA THOMAS, SW Louisiana	6-0/200	Sr.
DB	DARIUS CUNNINGAN, Pacific	5-9/180	Sr.
DB	JEFF RUSSELL, Pacific	6-0/180	Sr.
DB	CHRIS GRAY, Louisiana Tech	5-11/170	Sr.

## SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	JEFF CALDWELL, Arkansas State	5-10/170	Soph.
P	BRAD FAUNCE, UNLV	6-1/175	Sr.
KR	HENRY BAILEY, UNLV	5-10/180	Sr.

## SECOND TEAM

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	JERRY REESE, San Jose State	5-11/176	Sr.
WR	CHAD MACKKEY, Louisiana Tech	6-2/194	Soph.
TE	KEN KOPPELMAN, Pacific	6-3/240	Jr.
T	TIMMIE LEWIS, Northern Illinois	6-3/303	Sr.
T	MIKE ROCKWOOD, Nevada	7-0/310	Jr.
C	CHRIS HILL, San Jose State	6-2/258	Jr.
G	BRIAN SANSALONE, SW Louisiana	6-4/273	Jr.
G	JUSTIN WERTH, Pacific	6-2/260	Soph.
QB	JAKE DELHOMME, SW Louisiana	6-2/185	Soph.
RB	BRIAN GRIMES, Northern Illinois	5-11/211	Sr.
RB	JASON COOPER, Louisiana Tech	6-0/217	Sr.

### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	CARLOS EMMONS, Arkansas State	6-4/240	Jr.
DL	CHARLES MILLER, Pacific	6-2/240	Sr.
DL	DeSHANNON CAMPBELL, UNLV	6-6/285	Sr.
LB	LANCE REED, Louisiana Tech	6-0/206	Jr.
LB	MARVIN ROBINSON, UNLV	6-0/200	Jr.
LB	MARTIN WASHINGTON, Nevada	6-2/220	Sr.
LB	BEAU LE BRETON, New Mexico State	5-11/205	Sr.
DB	BRAD DAVIS, Arkansas State	5-10/175	Sr.
DB	CEDRIC WALTON, New Mexico State	5-9/180	Jr.
DB	EDDIE DAVIS, Northern Illinois	5-10/170	Sr.
DB	DONALD TOOMER, Utah State	6-1/185	Sr.

## SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	NATHAN MORREALE, Utah State	5-11/185	Soph.
P	KYLE RICHARDSON, Arkansas State	6-2/190	Jr.
KR	JAMES DYE, Utah State	5-9/155	Jr.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The Aggies, who would have won the conference championship had they held a four-point lead in the final minutes against Utah State in the season finale, always have been vulnerable to the big play.

**Special teams:** Place-kicker Bubba Culin and punter Chad Zecha return after solid sophomore seasons, but the Aggies must replace Polee Banks, who ranked sixth in the nation in kickoff returns and 16th in punt returns.

**Key to success:** The Aggies have an excellent quarterback, two good running backs (Brian Pizula and Lawrence Truehill) and explosive receivers, so their fortunes could hinge on the offensive line's development.

**Outlook:** Only three starters return on defense, but that might be a blessing, considering New Mexico State ranked 96th (432.8 yards per game) among 106 Division I-A teams in total defense last year. Better overall speed will allow the Aggies to be more reckless, and an improved defense should keep them in the thick of the conference race.

**Coach Jim Hess says:** "We've come from bad to average, and I'm proud of what we've done. The next quest is to take it to the next level. I think we can."

**AGGIES DATA** Coach: Jim Hess (14-30, 4 years; 126-83-5 overall, 19 years).

**1993 record:** 5-6, Big West: 4-2/T3rd.

**Key losses:** Polee Banks, WR/KR; David Barela, CB; Troy Dublin, RB; Steve Gilbert, DE; Aaron Laing, TE; Tim Mauck, LB; Tim Melendez, NT; Derek Mertz, OG; Mark Minihnick, OT; Ishan Rison, OT; Chris Rowser, SS; Donald Stowers, CB; Tom Wade, DE; Mike Wall, LB.

**Starters returning:** Offense (6): Lucious Davis, WR, 5-11/170, Jr.; Heath Haedge, G, 6-3/275, Jr.; Cody Ledbetter, QB, 6-1/195, Jr.; David Osborne, FL, 6-1/185, Sr.; Brian Pizula, RB, 5-11/205, Sr.; Gerald Slovacek, C, 6-2/280, Sr. Defense (3): Beau Le Breton, LB, 5-11/205, Sr.; Sam Manuel, LB, 6-3/230, Jr.; Cedric Walton, FS, 5-9/180, Jr. Kickers (2): Bubba Culin,

K, 6-3/195, Jr.; Chad Zecha, P, 6-0/200, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** Kenny Canaday, WR, Soph.; Bryan Duplessis, LB, Sr.; Parrish Foster, CB, Sr.; Tony Gray, LB, Sr.; Dean LaChapelle, DE, Sr.; Sean Manuel, TE, Jr. (RS/knee); Lawrence Truehill, RB, Sr. (RS/academics).

**Top newcomers:** Brian Blair, OT, Jr. (JC); Tim Holland, OL, Jr. (JC); Bernie Johnson, DT, Jr. (JC); Mickey Murray, RB, Jr. (JC); Nesinali Tuipuloto, DT, Jr. (JC); Dwayne Walthers, DE, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** At Florida, Sept. 3; at Arizona, Sept. 10; at Texas-El Paso, Sept. 17; Arkansas State, Sept. 24; UNLV, Oct. 1; at Northern Illinois, Oct. 8; at Nevada, Oct. 15; New Mexico, Oct. 22; at San Jose State, Nov. 5; Pacific, Nov. 12; at Utah State, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** None.

**Site:** Las Cruces, N.M.

## UTAH STATE

**Offensive strengths:** Proffail Grier, the conference's top returning rusher (947 yards), is a strong, shifty runner with good speed and vision.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Nine starters from the Aggies' prolific 1993 offense are gone, but inexperience and a lack of depth on the line are the biggest concerns. Breakdowns there could stunt the growth of new quarterbacks Matt Wells and Jorge Munoz.

**Defensive strengths:** Tackles Pratt Lyons and Dave Balls and linebackers Willie Jackson, David Gill and Gary Brown will make it difficult for opponents to run up the middle. Donald Toomer, Tyrone Trimble and Travis Schow lead a veteran secondary.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The Aggies allowed a conference-high 300.6 yards passing per game last season. They must develop some good ends, or opponents will be able to neutralize the up-the-middle, pass-rushing efforts of Lyons and Balls with double-teams.

**Special teams:** James Dye ranked eighth in the nation in punt returns last season (12.2-yard average) and also is dangerous on kick-

off returns. Nathan Morreale is coming off a fine freshman season (a Big West-best 19 field goals, which tied for third in the nation), but punter Micah Knorr's average (38.6) should be higher in the thin air of Logan.

**Key to success:** How quickly the offense matures. A stronger defense should keep Utah State in games early in the season, but the offense needs to produce by the time conference play begins.

**Outlook:** The Aggies must beat Southwest Louisiana on October 22 in Romney Stadium to have any shot at winning a second straight Big West title, because they play a much tougher conference schedule than the Ragin' Cajuns do.

**Coach Charlie Weatherbie says:** "There are some big holes to fill, but I think we'll have an opportunity to contend."

**AGGIES DATA** Coach: Charlie Weatherbie (12-11, 2 years).

**1993 record:** 7-5 (beat Ball State in Las Vegas Bowl). Big West: 5-1/T1st.

**Key losses:** Warren Bowers, C; Anthony Calvillo, QB; Michael Coe, SS; Jed DeVries, OT; Efreem Haymore, CB; Toney Jenkins, FL; Mike Lee, RB; Jackson Maughan, OT; Cotic McMahon, SE; Scott Moala, DE; Damon Smith, CB; Dan-iel Taplin, DE; Aubrey Thompson, TE; Rich Tytkis, OG; Jermaine Younger, LB.

**Starters returning:** Offense (2): Proffail Grier, RB, 5-8/185, Jr.; Darrin Mitchell, G, 6-4/250, Soph. Defense (5): Dave Balls, T, 6-2/250, Sr.; Gary Brown, LB, 5-11/230, Sr.; Pratt Lyons, T, 6-6/278, Soph.; Travis Schow, FS (will move to SS), 6-1/190, Sr.; Tyrone Trimble, S, 6-0/207, Sr. Kickers (2): Micah Knorr, P, 6-2/172, Soph.; Nathan Morreale, K, 5-11/185, Soph.

**Other key returnees:** Kevin Alexander, SE, Jr.; Corey Alexander, CB, Jr.; Marcus Daley, OG, Soph.; Brian Davies, OT, Soph.; James Dye, RB/KR (will move to SE/KR), Jr.; Xavier Foreman, TE, Sr.; David Gill, LB, Soph.; Tai Gordon, RB, Soph. (RS/hamstring); Shawn Griswold, C, Jr.; Travis Guiney, OG, Sr.; Matt Hauk, DE, Jr.; Kendrick Huey, RB, Sr.; Willie Jackson, LB, Sr.; Ivy Russell, RB, Jr. (RS); Shawn Turner, FL, Soph.; Donald Toomer, CB, Sr.; Matt Wells, QB, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Melvin Blue, RB, Fr.; LaRon Bond, FS, Jr. (JC); Aaron Flowers, QB, Fr. (RS); Jorge Munoz, QB, Jr. (JC);



Jared Tuione, OL, Jr. (JC); Spencer Waggoner, CB, Jr. (JC); Todd Wright, DL, Jr. (JC).  
**Schedule:** Utah, Sept. 3; at Colorado State, Sept. 10; at Ohio University, Sept. 17; UNLV, Sept. 24; at Brigham Young, Sept. 30; at Louisiana Tech, Oct. 15; Southwestern Louisiana, Oct. 22; at Pacific, Oct. 29; Eastern Washington, Nov. 5; at Nevada, Nov. 12; New Mexico State, Nov. 19.  
**Last league title won:** 1993.  
**Site:** Logan, Utah.

## NEVADA

**Offensive strengths:** It would be unfair to expect the Wolf Pack to match last season's offense, which averaged a nation-leading 569.1 yards. But Nevada will have a talented receiving corps that features Mike Senior and junior college transfers Alex Van Dyke and Steve McHenry.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Quarterback, not because junior Mike Maxwell won't be a capable replacement for Chris Vargas, but because there will be a natural dropoff from a veteran who paced the nation in total offense last season (393.8 yards per game) and threw 34 touchdowns passes.

**Defensive strengths:** The front line of tackles Jeff Kondra and Frank Marvitz, nose tackle David Miller and end/linebacker Martin Washington will put some heat on opposing quarterbacks, a luxury the Wolf Pack didn't enjoy much last season.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Two of the three projected starters at linebacker are redshirt freshmen who will suffer some growing pains. The entire secondary returns, but it will have to upgrade its performance for Nevada to contend.

**Special teams:** Cornel West, a speedster who played at Nevada in 1992 and transferred to Sacramento City College in 1993, is back in Reno to return kickoffs. Armando Avina is one of the conference's top punters (41.3), but he has limited field-goal range.

**Key to success:** For the passing game to go, running back Marcellus Chrishon must have another big year. That will force opponents to respect the run as well as the pass. In 1993, the senior paced the club with 809 yards rushing.

**Outlook:** The Wolf Pack won't have that high-flying, high-wire offense that called for 50 to 60 passes a game last year, but there's enough talent for Nevada to finish in the top half of the conference.

**Coach Chris Ault says:** "I feel confident we'll still have a sophisticated passing game and we'll be able to move the ball. But how fast? Who knows?"

**WOLF PACK DATA** Coach: Chris Ault (145-58-1, 17 years).

**1993 record:** 7-4. Big West: 4-2/T3rd.

**Key losses:** Matt Airolodi, OT; Steve Bryant, LB; Jim Jones, DT; Dan Ledieff, LB; Tom Matter, TE; Ryan O'Donnell, C; Bryan Reeves, WR; Todd Shara, OT; Michael Stephens, WR; Anthony Valentin, OG; Chris Vargas, QB.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (3):** Marcellus Chrishon, RB, 5-9/175, Sr.; Mike Senior, WR, 6-2/200, Sr.; Mark Welker, G, 6-2/260, Sr. **Defense (8):** Andy Buh, LB, 6-1/220, Sr.; Darnell Hasson, CB, 6-2/175, Soph.; Jeff Kondra, T, 6-3/260, Sr.; Clayton Lopez, FS, 5-10/175, Jr.; David Miller, NT, 6-3/270, Jr.; Garnett Overby, CB, 6-1/170, Soph.; Tim Rucks, SS, 6-3/200, Sr.; Martin Washington, E/LB, 6-2/220, Sr. **Kickers (1):** Armando Avina, K/P, 6-1/200, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Mike Breaux, OG, Sr.; Bob Cooper, OT, Jr.; Jeff Hadwick, C, Soph.; Frank Marvitz, DT, Sr.; Mike Maxwell, QB, Jr.; Jude Mayne, TE, Sr.; Mike Rockwood, OT, Jr.; Deron Thorpe, OT, Jr.

**Top newcomers:** Aaron Lozano, LB, Fr. (RS); Steve McHenry, WR, Jr. (JC); Deshonne Myles, LB, Fr. (RS); Alex Van Dyke, WR, Jr. (JC); Cornel West, WR/KR, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** Northern Arizona, Sept. 3; Arkansas State, Sept. 10;

at Boise State, Sept. 17; Northeast Louisiana, Sept. 24; at Northern Illinois, Oct. 1; Pacific, Oct. 8; New Mexico State, Oct. 15; at San Jose State, Oct. 22; at Fresno State, Nov. 5; Utah State, Nov. 12; at UNLV, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1992.

**Site:** Reno, Nev.

## PACIFIC

**Offensive strengths:** After playing musical quarterbacks for four games last season, the Tigers finally settled on Craig Whelihan, who kept an undermanned team in most games and returns as the clear-cut starter. Joe Abdullah, a native of Stockton, Calif., got tired of backing up Marshall Faulk at San Diego State, so he transferred to Pacific, where he should boost the running game.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Four starters on the line are back, but the Tigers ranked 105th out of 106 Division I-A schools in rushing (69.3 yards per game) last season, so major improvement is needed.

**Defensive strengths:** In 1991, even the weakest Big West quarterbacks torched Pacific's secondary, which included freshmen Darius Cunnigan, Jeff Russell, Duane Thomas and Nathan Young. Not any more. Those four older and wiser seniors now make up the conference's best defensive backfield.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Inside linebacker Eric Stavola, who missed six of 11 games last year because of injury, must stay healthy because an inexperienced linebacking corps needs his leadership.

**Special teams:** They were ugly in 1993 and could be ugly in '94.

The Tigers must find a new place-kicker and punter, but Russell and Yassin Reeder should shore up the return teams.

**Key to success:** How well 13 junior college transfers and one Division I-A transfer meld with the team. Pacific recruited for size and depth, and the newcomers need to have an immediate impact on the lines.

**Outlook:** The Tigers' four conference losses in 1993 were by an average of five points, so Pacific was close to respectability. An offense with more big-play potential and improved line play should push Pacific into the top half of the standings.

**Coach Chuck Shelton says:** "I think we'll be very competitive against most of the teams we'll play, although I

don't know that Tom Osborne at Nebraska is going to be real concerned about us."

**TIGERS DATA** Coach: Chuck Shelton (6-16, 2 years; 72-114-1 overall, 18 years).

**1993 record:** 3-8. Big West: 2-4/T6th.

**Key losses:** Erik Alvarez, OT; Grant Carter, LB; Dimitri Gazelas, S; Trent Julian, WR; Dominic Kaanaana, LB; Owen Taylor, NT.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (7):** Stanley Green, TB, 5-10/185, Sr.; Aaron McClellan, C, 6-3/258, Sr.; Matt McGinn, T, 6-4/275, Sr.; Dan Weldon, G, 6-5/273, Jr.; Justin Werth, G, 6-2/260, Soph.; Greg Weston, WR, 5-10/175, Soph.; Craig Whelihan, QB, 6-5/200, Sr. **Defense (8):** Jami Anderson, LB, 6-0/215, Sr.; Darius Cunnigan, CB, 5-9/180, Sr.; Jason Evans, NT, 6-1/258, Soph.; Charles Miller, T, 6-2/240, Sr.; Jeff Russell, SS, 6-0/180, Sr.; Brad Stammer, T, 6-1/250, Sr.; Eric Stavola, LB, 5-11/225, Sr.; Duane Thomas, CB, 5-11/176, Sr. **Kickers:** None.

**Other key returnees:** Damon Bowers, WR, Soph.; Jon Brock, K, Soph.; Vince Bruno, LB, Soph.; Michael Edwards, FB, Soph.; Martin Konrad, LB, Jr.; Ken Koppelman, TE, Jr.; Jay Mayo, WR, Soph.; Mike Morales, TE, Soph.; Yassin Reeder, TB, Jr.; Nathan Young, FS, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Joe Abdullah, TB, Jr. (transfer/San Diego State); Roger Fleenor, P, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** UC Davis, Sept. 3; at Minnesota, Sept. 10; Southwestern Texas State, Sept. 17; at Nebraska, Sept. 24; at Nevada, Oct. 8; Northern Illinois, Oct. 15; at Arkansas State, Oct. 22; Utah State, Oct. 29; at Oregon State, Nov. 5; at New Mexico State, Nov. 12; San Jose State, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** None.

**Site:** Stockton, Calif.

## LOUISIANA TECH

**Offensive strengths:** The Bulldogs have three quality players in running back Jason Cooper (who needs 792 yards to break the school's career rushing record), receiver

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Louisiana Tech has three quality players on offense, including running back Jason Cooper. The senior needs 792 yards to break the school's career rushing record.

COURTESY OF LOUISIANA TECH



Chad Mackey and quarterback Jason Martin. Depth on the line is good.

**Offensive weaknesses:** An inexperienced line was overwhelmed at times last season. The Bulldogs need to be more physical up front.

**Defensive strengths:** What more could you want in a linebacking corps? Undersized Lance Reed is tenacious run-stopper in the middle. Shannon Jenkins is a great cover guy on the outside. Fred Price can stop the run and pass and rarely makes mistakes. The trio should help put the bite back into the Bulldogs' defense. Additionally, Rodney Bruce and Chris Gray are quality cornerbacks.

**Defensive weaknesses:** No wonder the linebackers made so many tackles last season—the line put up little resistance. Junior college transfers Keith Washington and Taurick Boyd will be counted on to make immediate contributions.

**Special teams:** New punter Jason Cain was a junior college All-America, averaging 42.3 yards per boot, but don't expect the Bulldogs to win many games with field goals or kickoff and punt returns.

**Keys to success:** The Bulldogs must be able to run the football, which means they'll need improved line play. They also need to return to the dominant style of defense that was their trademark in the 1980s.

**Outlook:** The schedule is a lot more favorable than it has been in recent years. Louisiana Tech plays five home games and doesn't have to battle Tennessee or Alabama, both of whom were on the '93 slate. That improves its chances for a better record.

**Coach Joe Raymond Peace says:** "When you're 2-9, you know a lot must be done to be competitive, but I think we'll far exceed what we did a year ago."

**BULLDOGS DATA** Coach: Joe Raymond Peace (32-30-4, 6 years).

**1993 record:** 2-9, Big West: 2-4/T6th.

**Key losses:** Carlos Bolton, DE; Chris Boniol, K; Kevin Crawford, DT; Brian Francis, SE; Jerry Holman, OG; Rocky Kingrea, FS; Greg Lancaster, OG; Cliff Parks, FL.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (7):** Brad Bull, C, 6-3/265, Sr.; Jason Cooper, RB, 6-0/217, Sr.; Chad Mackey, WR, 6-2/194, Soph.; Jason Martin, QB, 6-3/220, Soph.; Brian Mason, TE, 6-2/251, Jr.; John Rogers, T, 6-5/272, Jr.; Preston Washington, T, 6-4/254, Jr. **Defense (8):** Rodney Bruce, CB, 5-11/194, Sr.; Chris Gray, CB, 5-11/170, Sr.; Thedrick Harris, T, 6-0/269, Sr.; Shannon Jenkins, LB, 5-11/206, Jr.; Fred Price, LB, 6-3/220, Sr.; Lance Reed, LB, 6-0/206, Jr.; Steve Roberts, E, 6-4/265, Sr.; Mark Traylor, SS, 6-1/200, Sr. **Kickers (1):** Shane Barbaro, P, 5-10/193, Soph.

**Other key returnees:** Chris Block, OG, Sr.; Wes Brewer, OG, Sr.; Jerry Byrd, OT, Jr.; Francis Figaro, SE, Soph.; Spencer Heard, FL, Soph.; Dean Jackson, WR, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Jason Armstrong, RB, Fr.; Charles Bowman, WR, Fr.; Taurick Boyd, DL, Jr. (JC); Jason Cain, P, Jr. (JC); Keith Washington, DE, Jr. (JC); Grant Williams, OT, Jr. (JC). **Schedule:** At Baylor, Sept. 3; Houston, Sept. 10; at South Carolina, Sept. 17; Southwestern Louisiana, Oct. 1; at UNLV, Oct. 8; Utah State, Oct. 15; at Northern Illinois, Oct. 22; at West Virginia, Oct. 29; Northwestern State, Nov. 5; San Jose State, Nov. 12; at Arkansas State, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** None.

**Site:** Ruston, La.

## UNLV

**Offensive strengths:** Demond Thompkins, UNLV's top pass catcher in 1993, is academically ineligible, but the Rebels' receiving corps is still in good hands with Henry Bailey and Randy Gatewood. Quarterback Jason Davis better be a strength—UNLV will throw about 50 passes a game.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Omar Love, who paced the Rebels with 545 rushing yards last year, missed spring practice because of back surgery and is questionable for the fall. UNLV tight ends have caught 15 passes in the last four seasons but will need to adjust to a more prominent receiving role in '94.

### Defensive strengths:

Tackle DeShannon Campbell, who played briefly with Colorado in 1991 but wound up at UNLV after a one-year junior college stop, and Keith Washington, a three-year starter at end, give the Rebels a strong pass rush.

### Defensive weaknesses:

The Rebels return seven starters, which some would consider a strength. But UNLV ranked 99th out of 106 Division I-A schools in total defense last season (443.8 yards per game). If the Rebels don't develop some depth, their defense could be porous again.

**Special teams:** Brad Faunce ranked fourth in the nation in punting average last season (45.0) and kicker Nick Garritano is dependable from 45 yards and in. Bailey is a threat on kickoff and punt returns.

**Key to success:** Defense. The new offense should be productive, but the Rebels can't finish last in the conference in total defense again.

**Outlook:** Twenty-one of UNLV's 25 1994 recruits were from the high school ranks, so it's obvious the Rebels and first-year Coach Jeff Horton are building for the future. UNLV is at least one year away from contending.

**Coach Jeff Horton says:** "This is a chance to build my own program, make or break it myself, establish a winning tradition. Nevada had all those things, but I felt that would always be Chris Ault's program, and deservedly so. That's a hard shadow to live in, especially when he's still the athletic director."

**REBELS DATA** Coach: Jeff Horton (first year, 7-4 over-all, 1 year).

**1993 record:** 3-8, Big West: 2-4/T6th.

**Key losses:** Stephen Anderson, DT; Jason Medlock, LB; Jerry Reynolds, OT; Doug Roper, OG; Erik Simien, DE; Bob Stockham, QB; Demond Thompkins, WR; Tiger Townes, DT.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (7):** Henry Bailey, WR/KR, 5-10/180, Sr.; Byron Culp, TE, 6-2/240, Sr.; Randy Gatewood, WR, 6-0/180, Sr.; Omar Love, RB, 6-1/180, Jr.; Howard McGowan, C, 6-4/260, Sr.; Mark Meacham, T, 6-5/250, Sr.; Robbie Morrison, G, 6-4/290, Jr. **Defense (7):** Mark Byers, LB, 6-2/230, Sr.; DeShannon Campbell, T, 6-6/285, Sr.; Jason Davis, SS, 6-0/180, Sr.; Rodney Mazion, FS, 5-8/160, Sr.; Brittney Posey, LB, 6-2/230, Sr.; Marvin Robinson, LB, 6-0/200, Jr.; Keith Washington, E, 6-4/250, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Brad Faunce, P, 6-1/175, Sr.; Nick Garritano, K, 6-0/240, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Jared Brown, QB, Jr. (RS/knee); Keith Clough, LB, Sr.; Jason Davis, QB, Jr.; Rossie Johnson, DE, Jr.; John Ma'ae, WR, Sr. (RS/wrist); Marvin Robinson, CB, Sr.; Jabbar Thomas, RB, Jr.; Reese Thomas, LB, Sr. (RS/academics); Jermaine Webster, CB, Soph. (RS/finger).

**Top newcomers:** Tony Burton, RB, Jr. (JC); Paul Carrillo, DT, Jr. (JC); Brian Castro, OG, Jr. (JC); Kevin Crook, QB, Fr.; Mike Kocicka, QB, Fr.; Clint Ogden, OL, Fr. (RS); Lance Smith, DB, Fr.

**Schedule:** Eastern Michigan, Sept. 3; at Central Michigan, Sept. 10; Idaho, Sept. 17; at Utah State, Sept. 24; at New Mexico State, Oct. 1; Louisiana Tech, Oct. 8; at Tulsa, Oct. 15; San Jose State, Oct. 29; at Southwestern Louisiana, Nov. 5; Nevada, Nov. 19; Kansas State, Nov. 26.

**Last league title won:** None.

**Site:** Las Vegas, Nev.

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS

**Offensive strengths:** All-America tailback LeShon Johnson didn't out-rush 65 of the nation's 106 Division I-A teams by himself last season. The Huskies had an outstanding line, and three starters from that unit, tackles Timmie Lewis and Derek Sholdice and center Chris O'Neal, are back.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Not what you'd think. Even without Johnson, the Huskies should have a fine running game with tailbacks Brian Grimes and Charles Talley, but new quarterback Aaron Gilbert needs to mature quickly so Northern Illinois doesn't become a one-dimensional team.

**Defensive strengths:** Four linebackers who either started or saw extensive action last season—Gerald Nickelberry, C.J. Rose, Mandel Hester and Shawn Wehrspann—are excellent against the run. Noseguard Hollis Thomas could be a huge factor if he wasn't so huge—he weighed 320 last spring but would be more effective under 300 pounds.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The Huskies finished last in the conference in passing defense last season—welcome to the Big West, guys. Returning secondary starters Eddie Davis, Chad Smith and MacArthur Griffin, along with Sam Denson, return to try, try again.

**Special teams:** Highly touted junior college transfer Clay Rush should push Jamie Dobay



COURTESY OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

When Northern Illinois isn't running the football this season, the Huskies will look to senior Vaurice Patterson, an excellent possession-type flanker, for production.



for the punting job, and he'll also assume place-kicking duties. Smith is a solid, if not spectacular, return man.

**Key to success:** The play of Gilbert. He'll have the luxury of a veteran line, a competent running game and an excellent possession-type flanker in Vaurice Patterson, so he could make or break the offense.

**Outlook:** There will be no Heisman Trophy watch in DeKalb this season, but with a balanced offense and a more experienced defense, the Huskies should be more consistent and, perhaps, more competitive.

**Coach Charlie Sadler says:** "I don't care what level you're at, the common denominator among good football teams is a quarterback who can get it done. Aaron has the talent, he just has to work through the learning process."

**HUSKIES DATA** Coach: Charlie Sadler (11-22, 3 years).

**1993 record:** 4-7. Big West: 3-5/10th.

**Key losses:** Brian Cotton, FB; Scott Crabtree, QB; LeShon Johnson, TB; Eric Lacy, SS; Paul McAndrews, DE; Tim O'Brien, OG; Raymond Roberts, TE; Tony Smith, LB; Brian Steger, K; Roland Terrell, OT; Steve Wild, LB.

**Starters returning: Offense (5):** Sean Allgood, SE (will move to FL), 5-9/171, Sr.; Timmie Lewis, T, 6-3/303, Sr.; Chris O'Neal, C, 6-2/272, Sr.; Vaurice Patterson, FL, 6-0/168, Sr.; Derek Sholdice, T, 6-4/303, Jr. **Defense (7):** Greg Bryant, E, 6-2/250, Jr.; Eddie Davis, CB, 5-10/170, Sr.; MacArthur Griffin, CB, 5-11/188, Sr.; Gerald Nickelberry, LB, 6-0/232, Sr.; C.J. Rose, LB, 6-2/240, Jr.; Chad Smith, SS/KR, 5-10/182, Jr.; Hollis Thomas, NG, 6-1/320, Jr. **Kickers (1):** Jamie Dobay, P, 5-11/170, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** George Anthony, FB, Sr.; Jerry Bartol, TE, Jr.; Otha Brooks, SE, Jr.; Sam Denson, FS, Sr.; Mike Duchane, DE, Sr.; Brian Grimes, TB, Sr.; Mandel Hester, LB, Jr.; Mitch Jacoby, TE, Soph.; Steve Rhoads, DE, Soph.; Troy Seabrook, NG, Jr.; Mike Sutherland, OG, Soph.; Charles Talley, TB, Soph.; Shawn Wehrspann, LB, Jr.; Dante Wharton, FB, Sr. **Top newcomers:** Kent Booth, OG, Fr. (RS); Scott Carlingella, CB, Jr. (JC); Ralph Gibson, LB, Jr. (JC); Aaron Gilbert, QB, Jr. (RS/JC); John Hardy, DE, Jr. (JC); Deon Mitchell, SE, Fr.; Salim Phillips, FS, Fr. (RS); Clay Rush, K/P, Jr. (JC); Randy Stearns, SE, Fr. (RS); Ralph Strickland, FL, Jr. (JC); Garrett Sutherland, LB, Fr. (RS); Brandon Willis, SE, Jr. (JC); Daquari Wilson, LB, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** Oklahoma State, Sept. 1; at Southwestern Louisiana, Sept. 10; at Illinois, Sept. 17; Eastern Illinois, Sept. 24; Nevada, Oct. 1; New Mexico State, Oct. 8; at Pacific, Oct. 15; Louisiana Tech, Oct. 22; at Vanderbilt, Oct. 29; at Arkansas State, Nov. 5; at Arkansas, Nov. 12.

**Last league title won:** None.

**Site:** DeKalb, Ill.

## SAN JOSE STATE

**Offensive strengths:** The Spartans have two dependable receivers in Jerry Reese and Brian Lundy. All they have to do is find a way to get them the ball.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Sophomore Alli Abrew will replace three-year starter Jeff Garcia at quarterback and Donald Lindsey, who saw limited action the last two seasons, is the new tailback. Both will be operating behind a new line. It all adds up to a potential disaster.

**Defensive strengths:** San Jose plucked linebacker Dan Godfrey from the disbanded Cal State Fullerton program following the 1992 season, and the senior has developed into one of the conference's best defenders.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The Spartans don't have the overall size and strength to manhandle opponents like they have in the past, so they'll have to be extremely active and blitz more than they're used to.

**Special teams:** Joe Nedney, who won two games with last-second field goals in 1992, is trying to bounce back from a subpar 1993 season. The return teams are in good shape with Lundy (punts) and Lindsey and Jacobbi

Williams (kickoffs).

**Key to success:** Abrew shouldn't expect to match Garcia's productivity, but he needs to be consistent for San Jose State to bounce back from its worst season since 1970, when it also finished 2-9.

**Outlook:** A schedule that includes non-conference games at Fresno State, Stanford, California and Washington, and a home contest versus Baylor, will give the Spartans little chance to rebuild. Survival will be their goal.

**Coach John Ralston says:** "Four coaches in four years (actually, four in five) caught up to us. It's difficult to maintain continuity in recruiting, and when that breaks down you're in trouble. We'll need another year or two of good recruiting to get back on track."

**SPARTANS DATA** Coach: John Ralston (2-9, 1 year; 88-56-4 overall, 14 years).

**1993 record:** 2-9. Big West: 2-4/6th.

**Key losses:** Wally Bonnett, C; Dexter Burns, CB; John Cotti, OT; Nathan DuPre, TB; Matt Earnshaw, OT; Jeff Garcia, QB; Kareeb Harbin, DE; Troy Jensen, FS; John Mountain, FB; Lee Myhre, P; Tom Petithomme, TE; Scott Reese, SS; Jim Singleton, LB.

**Starters returning: Offense (4):** Chris Hill, G (will move to C), 6-2/258, Jr.; Brian Lundy, WR, 5-9/165, Jr.; Jerry Reese, WR, 5-11/176, Sr.; Carlos Rivera, G, 6-4/285, Sr. **Defense (6):** Howard Butler, T, 6-1/265, Jr.; Dan Godfrey, LB, 5-9/217, Sr.; Tony Gratton, T, 6-1/257, Soph.; Dee Grayer, CB, 6-0/198, Sr.; Theron Miller, LB, 6-0/235, Sr.; Eric Quarles, E, 6-1/237, Soph. **Kickers (1):** Joe Nedney, K, 6-4/204, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Alli Abrew, QB, Soph.; Brent Evans, QB, Sr. (RS/knee); Donald Lindsey, TB, Sr.; Brian Roche, TE, Jr.; Maurice Simpson, CB, Soph.; Tom Sotelo, DT, Soph.; Salofi Tautuaa, OT, Jr.; Jacobbi Williams, WR, Sr.; Chris Willis, SS, Sr. **Top newcomers:** R.B. Bonner, CB, Fr. (RS); Wardell Crutchfield, CB, Fr. (RS); Carl Dean, QB, Jr. (JC); David Elzey, LB, Jr. (JC); Johnny Harper, CB, Jr. (JC); Darren Jones, S, Jr. (JC); Curtice Macfarlane, C, Fr. (RS); Jerald Perry, DT, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** At Fresno State, Sept. 3; Baylor, Sept. 10; at Stanford, Sept. 17; Southwestern Louisiana, Sept. 24; at California, Oct. 1; at Washington, Oct. 8; Nevada, Oct. 22; at UNLV, Oct. 29; New Mexico State, Nov. 5; at Louisiana Tech, Nov. 12; at Pacific, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1991.

**Site:** San Jose, Calif.

## ARKANSAS STATE

**Offensive strengths:** With 18 offensive linemen—Arkansas State had half that many at the end of last season—the Indians finally have some depth in the trenches. In guards Stacy Harrell and Jessie Miller, center Lorenzo Parker and tackle Anthony Bowman, they have some experience.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Marquis Williams, a 1,060-yard rusher as a freshman in 1993, is transferring, most likely to Louisiana State. His probable replacement, Corey Walker, missed last season with a knee injury.

**Defensive strengths:** Ed Rufus may be the best noseguard in the conference, and tackle Carlo White is only a notch below Rufus in ability. If end Carlos Emmons (finger) and tackle Lucas Perkins (neck) recover from injuries, Arkansas State should have a solid front line.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The Indians need a tough, aggressive, run-stopping linebacker to replace Marcus Lawson, and they have virtually no depth behind the starters on the line.

**Special teams:** The kicking game should be outstanding with Jeff Caldwell, who made 82.4 percent (14 of 17) of his field goals in 1993, and punter Kyle Richardson, who averaged 40.1 yards despite booting the ball a whopping 82 times.

**Keys to success:** The Indians need a big year from junior quarterback Johnny Covington,

more improvement on the offensive line and good health among their key players, especially those on the defensive line.

**Outlook:** It wasn't so bad until Athletic Director Brad Hovious switched two home games (against Virginia Tech and Colorado State) to road games and replaced a home game against Northeast Louisiana with a contest at Mississippi State. That did wonders for the athletic department budget but won't help the football team, which went from seven home games to four.

**Coach John Bobo says:** "We're just a team that's trying to improve, grow and get better one day at a time."

**INDIANS DATA** Coach: John Bobo (2-8-1, 1 year).

**1993 record:** 2-8-1. Big West: 1-5/10th.

**Key losses:** Michael Beason, LB; Andre Bonds, CB; Wayne Cope, OG; Blake Denison, WR; Marcus Lawson, LB; Brandon Luellen, SS; Mike McDonald, DT; Marquis Williams, RB (transferring).

**Starters returning: Offense (8):** Derrick Austin, WR, 6-2/190, Jr.; Anthony Bowman, T, 6-2/290, Jr.; Johnny Covington, QB, 6-0/185, Jr.; Zoe Freeman, RB, 6-2/190, Jr.; Stacy Harrell, G, 6-1/290, Sr.; Clark McBride, TE, 6-2/235, Jr.; Jessie Miller, G, 6-1/270, Jr.; Lorenzo Parker, C, 6-0/300, Sr. **Defense (6):** Stacy Crockett, CB, 5-9/180, Sr.; Brad Davis, CB, 5-10/175, Sr.; Carlos Emmons, E, 6-4/240, Jr.; Ed Rufus, NG, 5-11/275, Sr.; Clark Watkins, FS, 5-11/180, Jr.; Carlo White, T, 6-1/270, Jr. **Kickers (2):** Jeff Caldwell, K, 5-10/170, Soph.; Kyle Richardson, P, 6-2/190, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** Dale Carpenter, LB, Sr.; Maurice Harris, QB, Jr.; Kevin Kammer, TE, Soph.; Eric Linsy, LB, Jr.; Reginald Murphy, WR, Soph.; Lucas Perkins, DT, Jr.; Rodney Ruffin, WR, Jr.; Delray Stephens, LB, Jr.; Torrance Suggs, LB, Soph.; Austin Tinsley, FB, Jr.; Corey Walker, RB, Jr. (RS/knee); Tim Williams, DE, Jr.

**Top newcomers:** Alex Mitchell, WR, Fr. (RS); Bryan Singleton, LB, Jr. (JC); Rennell Woods, TE, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** At Virginia Tech, Sept. 3; at Nevada, Sept. 10; Southern Illinois, Sept. 17; at New Mexico State, Sept. 24; at Mississippi State, Oct. 1; at Southwestern Louisiana, Oct. 8; at Memphis, Oct. 15; Pacific, Oct. 22; Northern Illinois, Nov. 5; at Colorado State, Nov. 12; Louisiana Tech, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** None.

**Site:** Jonesboro, Ark. ♦



San Jose State senior linebacker Dan Godfrey has developed into one of the conference's best defenders.



## SCOUTING THE BIG WEST

**Ascending:** UNLV and Pacific. A new coaching staff, a new attitude and a new offense should spark the Rebels, who have lacked leadership but not talent in recent years. Pacific Coach Chuck Shelton, who has reintroduced the Tigers to the lost art of defense, is a year ahead of the rebuilding course he mapped out upon arriving in Stockton in 1992.

**Descending:** San Jose State. The financially strapped California State University system hasn't been as much of a problem as the lack of continuity in head coaches and recruiting.

**Nightmare schedule:** San Jose State has the toughest overall non-conference schedule, with games at Fresno State, Stanford, California and Washington and a home contest against Baylor. But New Mexico State opens the season with games at Florida and at Arizona. Ouch!

**Dream schedule:** Nevada, which plays Division I-AA teams Northern Arizona and Boise State and I-A newcomer Northeast Louisiana. The Wolf Pack has expanded its stadium from 14,000 to 31,545 since 1987 and moved up to I-A for the 1992 season. Now it's time to upgrade the schedule.

**Best matchup of the year:** Nevada at UNLV, November 19. The game was already close to selling out last spring. Wonder if any casinos will place odds on whether Wolf Pack Coach Chris Ault and Rebels Coach Jeff Horton shake hands afterward?

**Worst matchup of the year:** Pacific at Nebraska, September 24. Good thing the Tigers have a bye the week after they play the Cornhuskers. They're going to need it.

**Shocker of the year:** Pacific over Minnesota, September 10. The Big Ten's Golden Gophers might not take the Tigers too seriously, and Pacific's quickness will play well on the Metrodome's artificial turf.

**Bowl bound:** Southwestern Louisiana. The Ragin' Cajuns have the best defense and the easiest conference schedule of the league contenders—they don't play New Mexico State, Nevada or Pacific.

**Biggest shoes to fill:** Those of Nevada quarterback Chris Vargas. Not only because he was a veteran who led the nation in total offense, but also because he possessed what Ault calls "a sixth sense" and needed so little coaching. Junior Mike Maxwell will attempt to fill Vargas' void. Meanwhile, at Northern Illinois, Brian Grimes is the No. 1 candidate to replace 1993 NCAA Division I-A rushing champ LeShon Johnson.

**Most underrated player:** Nevada running

back Marcellus Chrishon. Vargas' passing exploits grabbed most of the headlines in 1993, but Chrishon rushed for 809 yards while rotating with two others in a one-back offense.

**Impact newcomers:** Joe Abdullah, RB, Pacific, Jr. (transfer/San Diego State); Paul Carrillo, DT, UNLV, Jr. (JC); Aaron Gilbert, QB,

Northern Illinois, Jr. (RS/JC); Johnny Harper, CB, San Jose State, Jr. (JC); Jorge Munoz, QB, Utah State, Jr. (JC); Mickey Murray, RB, New Mexico State, Jr. (JC); Bryan Singleton, LB, Arkansas State, Jr. (JC); Alex Van Dyke, WR, Nevada, Jr. (JC); Keith Washington, DE, Louisiana Tech, Jr. (JC).

**Coach of the year:** Nelson Stokley, Southwestern Louisiana. He won the honor last season because of his team's turnaround from a 2-9 mark in 1992 to an 8-3 record. A conference title in '94 should warrant repeat honors.

**Coach on the hot seat:** None, really. Most conference

coaches are at the beginning of multi-year contracts, and most Big West schools—and boosters—don't have the financial clout to buy them out.

**Best bets:** Nevada and Utah State will have two of the tallest offensive linemen in the country—the Wolf Pack's 7-foot Mike Rockwood (a 310-pounder) and the Aggies' 6-10 Joe German (305 pounds). "The guy is a redwood," Ault said of Rockwood. "If you want shade, you stand next to him." Maybe instead of a coin flip when the teams meet November 12, the two can stage a center jump at midfield. . . . UNLV receiver/return man Henry Bailey will finish in the top 10 nationally in all-purpose yards. . . . Nevada will lead the conference in home attendance.

**Odds and ends:** Beginning with the 1996 season, the Big West will be minus two teams. Last April, San Jose State and UNLV announced they'll be joining the Western Athletic Conference, which is expanding from 10 to 16 teams. . . . Pacific defensive tackle Brad Hungerford, a Mammoth, Calif., native, is a highly rated amateur skier who competes in regional and national events wearing a uniform emblazoned with the Tigers' logo. "He is the Pacific ski team," sports information director Kevin Messenger said. . . . Arkansas State punter Kyle Richardson is a talented artist, and one of his cartoons adorns a wall in the Indians' football office. It's a picture of a crane-like bird with a frog hanging out of its mouth, and the frog is clutching the bird's throat. The caption reads, "Don't ever give up." Said Indians Coach John Bobo: "That pretty much sums up our deal here." . . . UNLV cornerback Rodney Mazion has played minor league baseball in the New York Mets' organization over the last two summers. . . . San Jose State guard Carlos Rivera attends Santa Clara in the spring and San Jose State in the fall and eventually will graduate from Santa Clara. Rivera was playing at Santa Clara when the school dropped football in 1992. He has been allowed to play at San Jose State while maintaining his degree track at Santa Clara. ♦

—MIKE DiGIOVANNA

## HONOR ROLL

<b>Best offensive line:</b> Northern Illinois	<b>Best secondary:</b> Pacific
<b>Best offensive backfield:</b> New Mexico State	<b>Best-hitting defensive back:</b> Orlando Thomas, SW La.
<b>Best backup quarterback:</b> Jorge Munoz, Utah State	<b>Best kicking game:</b> UNLV
<b>Best wide receivers:</b> San Jose State	<b>Best kick-coverage units:</b> Utah State
<b>Best clutch receiver:</b> Lucious Davis, New Mexico State	<b>Best coaching staff:</b> Utah State
<b>Best defensive line:</b> Southwestern Louisiana	<b>Best coach:</b> Jim Hess, New Mexico State
<b>Best-hitting defensive lineman:</b> Jeff Mitchell, SW La.	<b>Best Heisman candidate:</b> Marcellus Chrishon, RB, Nevada
<b>Best linebackers:</b> Louisiana Tech	<b>Best pro prospect:</b> Orlando Thomas, FS, SW La.
<b>Best-hitting linebacker:</b> Patrice Alexander, SW La.	

## RETURNING LEADERS

<b>Rushing:</b> Proffail Grier, Utah State, 86.1 yds./game (190 att., 947 yds., 10 TDs, 5.0 avg.).
<b>Passing efficiency:</b> Jake Delhomme, Southwestern Louisiana, 124.3 rating pts. (259 att., 145 comp., 1,842 yds., 14 TDs).
<b>Total offense:</b> Cody Ledbetter, New Mexico State, 204.3 yds./game (70 yds. rushing, 2,177 yds. passing, 2,247 total yds.).
<b>Receiving:</b> Demond Thompkins, UNLV, 5.6 rec./game (62 rec., 1,068 yds., 8 TDs, 17.2 avg.).
<b>Scoring:</b> Nathan Morreale, Utah State, 8.2 pts./game (0 TDs, 33 PATs, 19 FGs, 90 pts.).
<b>Punting:</b> Brad Faunce, UNLV, 45.0 avg. (61 punts, 2,745 yds.).
<b>Punt returns:</b> James Dye, Utah State, 12.2 avg. (21 att., 256 yds., 1 TD).
<b>Kickoff returns:</b> Demond Thompkins, UNLV, 27.6 avg. (16 att., 442 yds., 0 TDs).
<b>Field goals:</b> Nathan Morreale, Utah State, 1.7 FGs/game (19/27 FGs, 70%).
<b>Interceptions:</b> Orlando Thomas, Southwestern Louisiana, .82 int./game (9 int., 84 yds., 1 TD).



Nevada's Chris Ault.



Utah State's Proffail Grier is a strong, shifty runner with good speed and vision.

COURTESY OF UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY



# Want to succeed in the MAC? Get a quarterback

By DOUG ZALESKI

Muncie Evening Press

**A** purist believes that teams can't win championships consistently in football without a strong defense. There's little arguing that point, but here's another truth that plays out just about every season in the Mid-American Conference: Teams don't win championships without an outstanding quarterback.

Quarterbacks of the last six MAC champions have been selected the league's player of the year.

Tony Kimbrough of Western Michigan started the run in 1988, followed by David Riley of Ball State in 1989, Jeff Bender of Central Michigan in 1990, Erik White of Bowling Green State in 1991 and '92 and Mike Neu of Ball State last season. Therefore, it's no coincidence that the top three teams in the MAC this year also have the league's top three quarterbacks.

Jay McDonagh is the reason Western Michigan wears the favorite's label in 1994. McDonagh, a junior from Chicago, took over the starting job three games into last season and went on to finish second in the MAC in total offense (209 yards per game) and completion accuracy (61.5 percent) and third in touchdown passes (16) and passing efficiency (135.91).

McDonagh is just one of 18 returning starters for the Broncos, but if they slip and fall, Bowling Green and Central Michigan will be there to step over them. Falcons quarterback Ryan Henry ranked third in the league in total offense (200.1) and was among the leaders in most of the other important passing categories. At Central Michigan, senior Erik Timpf figures to step in where Joe Youngblood, last season's total-offense leader, left off.

## WESTERN MICHIGAN

**Offensive strengths:** Junior quarterback Jay McDonagh was his team's most valuable player last year; he could be the league's MVP this season. Jim Vackaro and Dave Madsen are versatile running backs who must overcome surgeries (lower abdominal muscle for Vackaro, bone chips in an ankle for Madsen) that forced them to miss spring practice.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Fullbacks Derek Lott and Eric Sain will get a chance to carry the ball more this year, but they must improve on their combined 2.7-yard rushing average.

**Defensive strengths:** The front eight, led by linebacker Peter Tuffo and lineman Dion Powell, returns intact. That's bad news for opponents since the Broncos ranked second in the MAC in fewest rushing yards allowed, fewest total yards allowed and fewest points allowed.

**Defensive weaknesses:** If the experienced front line doesn't pressure quarterbacks hard, the defensive backs may get dizzy watching balls thrown over their heads to open receivers. Western Michigan is hoping that junior college transfer Jamual Bohannon can step in at cornerback and help immediately.

**Special teams:** Place-kicker Kevin Knope

## The Sporting News PREDICTIONS

### ORDER OF FINISH

1. WESTERN MICHIGAN
2. BOWLING GREEN STATE
3. CENTRAL MICHIGAN
4. MIAMI OF OHIO
5. BALL STATE
6. TOLEDO
7. OHIO UNIVERSITY
8. EASTERN MICHIGAN
9. AKRON
10. KENT

shared the MAC lead in field goals made (13) and Byron Hammons is adequate as a punter. Elan Banks has ranked in the league's top eight in kickoff returns in each of the last three seasons.

**Key to success:** The Broncos' good-but-not-great running game can't afford to slip any, thus placing too heavy of a burden on McDonagh.

**Outlook:** There's so much talent coming back at so many positions, it will be hard for Western Michigan not to win the MAC title. The Broncos thought they were the league's best team last year, but the MAC's unbalanced schedule kept them from playing eventual champion Ball State. The teams play each other this season, and Western Michigan is eager to take the next step.

**Coach Al Molde says:** "Potentially, we have a very good football team. If we get as many good breaks as bad ones, we have a chance to have a good year."



The return of linebacker Peter Tuffo is bad news for Western Michigan foes.

**BRONCOS DATA** Coach: Al Molde (45-30-1, 7 years; 151-87-8 overall, 23 years).  
1993 record: 7-3-1. MAC: 6-1-1/2nd.  
Key losses: Jason Biddle, OT; Steve Hawkins, FS; Jeff Reynolds, CB.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (10):** Elan Banks, SE, 5-7/168, Sr.; Joel Frederickson, C, 6-2/259, Sr.; Derek Lott, FB, 6-0/236, Jr.; Jay McDonagh, QB, 6-0/193, Jr.; Tom Nuten, G (moving to T), 6-5/279, Sr.; Harry Petaway, T, 6-3/308, Sr.; Matt Riordan, G, 6-2/271, Sr.; Bronson Trebbi, TE, 6-3/221, Sr.; Jim Vackaro, HB, 5-7/185, Jr.; Andre Wallace, FL, 5-9/174, Sr. **Defense (8):** Rufus Harris, LB, 5-11/200, Sr.; Rich Kaiser, E, 6-4/217, Jr.; Willis Porter, LB, 6-2/205, Jr.; Dion Powell, T, 6-1/265, Jr.; Jon Pryor, LB, 6-2/216, Soph.; Matt Sikora, T, 6-4/252, Jr.; Tony Tiefenbach, E, 6-3/243, Sr.; Peter Tuffo, LB, 6-0/248, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Byron Hammons, P, 5-11/189, Sr.; Kevin Knope, K, 6-1/165, Jr. **Other key returnees:** William Atwater, FL, Sr.; Eric Boersma, DE, Soph.; Pat Jackson, DT, Soph.; Larry Johnson, SE, Sr.; Dave Madsen, TB, Sr.; Stewart Masi, OL, Sr.; Darrell Mitchell, S, Jr.; Tristan Moss, CB, Jr.; Dean Polce, LB, Jr.; Chris Rawson, DL, Soph.; Marvin Reynolds, CB, Jr.; Eric Sain, FB, Jr.; Andrew Schorhaar, QB, Jr.; Marcus Wagstaff, CB, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Jamual Bohannon, CB, Jr. (JC); Eric Charles, OL, Jr. (JC); Kyle Houck, OT, Jr. (JC); Tony Knox, WR, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** At Miami of Ohio, Sept. 3; Western Illinois, Sept. 8; at Iowa State, Sept. 17; Akron, Sept. 24; Kent, Oct. 1; at Central Michigan, Oct. 8; at Ball State, Oct. 15; Eastern Michigan, Oct. 22; Ohio University, Nov. 5; at Toledo, Nov. 12; at Southwestern Louisiana, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1988.

**Site:** Kalamazoo, Mich.

## BOWLING GREEN STATE

**Offensive strengths:** The Falcons have one of the top passing combinations in the league in quarterback Ryan Henry and receivers Rameir Martin and Ronnie Redd. The trio hooked up 86 times last year for 1,469 yards and 12 touchdowns. Jason Peters and Norman Hammoud bring size and presence to the right side of the line.

**Offensive weaknesses:** The running game lost tailback Zeb Jackson, who gained 952 yards in 1993, and nobody else managed more than 298.

**Defensive strengths:** Inside linebacker Vince Palko leads an experienced defense and is favored to repeat as the MAC's Defensive Player of the Year. Paced by corner George Johnson and safety Steve Rodriguez, the secondary is fast and tough and makes big plays.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The graduations of Bob Dudley and Clint Frazier have left a big void in the line.

**Special teams:** If their kicking game doesn't make a huge improvement, the Falcons can forget about challenging for the title. Place-kicker Brian Leaver missed four field goals inside 30 yards and Bowling Green was ninth in the league in net punting.

**Keys to success:** The left side of the line could let the entire offense down if it doesn't play at a reasonable level. Senior Curtis Collins needs to play well to solidify the defensive line, a potential trouble area.

**Outlook:** The Falcons are 27-6-2 over the last three seasons and just don't seem to let up. They have good players returning at many positions and appear set for another big year.

**Coach Gary Blackney says:** "I don't really think it is a major concern to me or the staff that we have some holes to fill on both lines. I think we have some good young players in the program. . . . I think those players are ready to step up and take over in the spots we need to fill."

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# PRESEASON ALL-MID-AMERICAN TEAM

## PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

## FIRST TEAM

## SECOND TEAM

### OFFENSE



JAY  
McDONAGH  
QB, Western Michigan

### DEFENSE



VINCE  
PALKO  
LB, Bowling Green  
State

### NEWCOMERS OF THE YEAR

**OFFENSE:** Ben Washington, RB, Eastern Michigan

**DEFENSE:** Jamual Bohannon, CB, Western Michigan

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	BRIAN OLIVER, Ball State	6-3/189	Sr.
WR	ANDRE WALLACE, Western Michigan	5-9/174	Sr.
TE	TED FREEMAN, Ball State	6-3/225	Jr.
T	MATT GILLETTE, Eastern Michigan	6-4/275	Sr.
T	TOM NUTTEN, Western Michigan	6-5/279	Sr.
C	PETE STONE, Toledo	6-1/265	Jr.
G	ANDY BERRY, Ball State	6-3/275	Sr.
G	NORMAN HAMMOUD, Bowling Green	6-3/295	Sr.
QB	JAY McDONAGH, Western Michigan	6-0/193	Jr.
RB	MIKE BLAIR, Ball State	5-11/229	Soph.
RB	BRIAN PRUITT, Central Michigan	5-10/205	Sr.

### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	DION POWELL, Western Michigan	6-1/265	Jr.
DL	JERMAINE DANIELS, Ball State	6-1/243	Jr.
DL	MORRIS COSEY, Akron	6-1/260	Sr.
LB	VINCE PALKO, Bowling Green	6-1/225	Sr.
LB	PETER TUFO, Western Michigan	6-0/248	Sr.
LB	KEVIN JOHNSON, Ball State	5-9/207	Sr.
LB	RICH YURKIEWICZ, Kent	6-3/216	Sr.
DB	DAVID THOMAS, Miami of Ohio	6-0/180	Sr.
DB	TIM BANKS, Central Michigan	5-10/185	Sr.
DB	STEVE RODRIGUEZ, Bowling Green	6-0/175	Jr.
DB	DAMISO JOHNSON, Ohio University	6-0/205	Sr.

### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	KEVIN KNOPE, Western Michigan	6-1/165	Jr.
P	GARY LAYTON, Miami of Ohio	6-1/195	Sr.
KR	STEVE CLAY, Eastern Michigan	5-5/155	Jr.

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	RAMEIR MARTIN, Bowling Green	6-3/185	Sr.
WR	TOM BOYD, Toledo	6-0/195	Sr.
TE	JEREMY DUNLAP, Central Michigan	6-3/250	Sr.
T	MIKE LYONS, Akron	6-5/260	Sr.
T	JASON PETERS, Bowling Green	6-2/295	Sr.
C	JEFF CHABOT, Miami of Ohio	6-3/285	Sr.
G	CHARLIE WEBB, Toledo	6-2/298	Sr.
G	CHRIS O'BRIEN, Central Michigan	6-2/290	Sr.
QB	ERIK TIMPF, Central Michigan	6-0/195	Sr.
RB	JIM VACKARO, Western Michigan	5-7/185	Jr.
RB	LAKARLOS TOWNSEND, Ohio University	5-9/195	Jr.

### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	ED SLAY, Ohio University	6-2/255	Sr.
DL	TONY TIEFENBACH, Western Michigan	6-3/243	Sr.
DL	MATT JENNE, Kent	6-3/265	Sr.
DL	YUSEF DIBBLES, Eastern Michigan	6-4/220	Sr.
LB	JOHNNIE WILLIAMS, Miami of Ohio	6-0/220	Jr.
LB	PHIL DUNN, Akron	6-0/230	Sr.
LB	BENNY KING, Ohio University	6-0/245	Jr.
DB	GEORGE JOHNSON, Bowling Green	5-10/185	Sr.
DB	MALCOLM THOMAS, Central Michigan	5-9/185	Sr.
DB	LANCE CASH, Akron	6-2/185	Sr.
DB	MAURICE REED, Eastern Michigan	5-10/170	Sr.

### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	CHAD SEITZ, Miami of Ohio	5-9/165	Jr.
P	BRAD MAYNARD, Ball State	6-1/175	Soph.
KR	MARK HERRON, Toledo	6-0/176	Soph.

### FALCONS DATA Coach: Gary Blackney (27-6-2, 3 years).

**1993 record:** 6-3-2, MAC: 5-1-2/3rd.

**Key losses:** Lee Boyer, OLB; Maurice Coles, DT; Bob Dudley, DE; Matt Foley, C; Clint Frazier, NG; Zeb Jackson, TB; Brad Long, TE; Darnell Staten, CB; Joe Wyse, OG.

**Starters returning: Offense (7):** Cal Bowers, G, 6-1/270, Jr.; Chad Bukey, T, 6-3/250, Jr.; Darius Card, FB, 5-11/225, Jr.; Norman Hammoud, G, 6-3/295, Sr.; Ryan Henry, QB, 5-11/195, Jr.; Rameir Martin, FL, 6-3/185, Sr.; Ronnie Redd, SE, 5-9/185, Sr. **Defense (6):** Shane Foster, S, 6-0/190, Sr.; George Johnson, CB, 5-10/185, Sr.; Chache Leal, LB, 6-0/230, Sr.; Vince Palko, LB, 6-1/225, Sr.; Steve Rodriguez, S, 6-0/175, Jr.; Jason Woullard, LB, 6-0/220, Jr. **Kickers (2):** Brian Leaver, K, 5-5/170, Sr.; Andy Tracy, P, 6-1/190, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** Steve Ayers, CB, Jr.; Tom Breitigam, NG, Soph. (RS/knee); Curtis Collins, DL, Sr.; Courtney Davis, TB, Soph.; Jason Dolliver, DT, Sr.; Willie Gibson, DL, Sr.; Steve Hartley, S, Soph.; Bob Johnson, OL, Sr.; Derek Kidwell, QB, Soph.; Jason Peters, OL, Sr.; Trevor Stover, TE, Jr.; Charlie Williams, S, Sr.

**Top newcomer:** Dave Farrall, OL, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** At North Carolina State, Sept. 1; at Akron, Sept. 10; Navy, Sept. 17; at Eastern Michigan, Sept. 24; at Cincinnati, Oct. 1; Ohio University, Oct. 8; at Toledo, Oct. 15; Ball State, Oct. 22; Miami of Ohio, Oct. 29; at Kent, Nov. 5; Central Michigan, Nov. 12.

**Last league title won:** 1992.

**Site:** Bowling Green, O.

### CENTRAL MICHIGAN

**Offensive strengths:** The offense doesn't figure to miss a beat with Erik Timpf replacing two-year starter Joe Youngblood at quarterback. In his only start last season, against Michigan State no less, Timpf hit on 16 of 26 passes for 214 yards and one touchdown and rushed 12 times for 147 yards and two TDs. The Chippewas haven't had a 1,000-yard rusher since 1991, but Brian Pruitt could reach that plateau this year.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Both starting receivers from last year are gone, leaving Timpf with a pair of backups and several in-

experienced pass catchers as targets.

**Defensive strengths:** Nine starters are back, but it remains to be seen whether that's good news or not. Known for a long time as a defensive power, the Chippewas have slipped in this area—and the drop-off has been the biggest reason for the team's back-to-back losing seasons after 27 straight non-losing campaigns.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Take your pick. The Chippewas were soft against both the run and the pass, allowing foes 4.7 yards per rush and a .500 pass-completion percentage.

**Special teams:** A red flag is up in the place-kicking department, where four players are battling to replace the departed Chuck Selinger. Craig Fischer was one of the MAC's top punters last season.

**Key to success:** The Chippewas must find an able replacement for fullback Tim Wojcik, whose unsung play was a big reason why Central Michigan's offense has ranked among the MAC's best for the last two years.

**Outlook:** If the Chippewas do an about-face on defense, there's no reason why they can't win the league title. But if they struggle again on defense, a first-division finish is a fantasy. **Coach Dick Flynn says:** "We proved we could compete with higher-echelon teams in the last few years, and it's our job to maintain that."

### CHIPPEWAS DATA Coach: Dick Flynn (first year).

**1993 record:** 5-6, MAC: 5-4/4th.

**Key losses:** Mike Kyler, LB; Darrell McCall, OG; D.J. Reid, FL; Chuck Selinger, K; Shane Sieracki, SE; Briant Statterlee, LB; Tim Wojcik, FB; Joe Youngblood, QB.

**Starters returning: Offense (6):** Jeremy Dunlap, TE, 6-3/250, Sr.; Brock Gutierrez, C, 6-4/290, Jr.; Matt Nastally, G, 6-1/290, Sr.; Chris O'Brien, T, 6-5/290, Sr.; Brian Pruitt, TB, 5-10/205, Sr.; Scott Rehberg, T, 6-8/320, Soph. **Defense (9):** Tim Banks, CB, 5-10/185, Sr.; Brandon Bruce, LB, 6-1/230, Sr.; Randy Danison, T, 6-4/265, Sr.; Odie Jones, 6-0/230, Sr.; Chad Murphy, S,

6-1/190, Jr.; Chad Preston, G, 6-3/265, Sr.; Dustin Preston, T, 6-3/250, Sr.; Malcolm Thomas, CB, 5-9/185, Sr.; Quincy Wright, S, 6-1/190, Soph. **Kickers (1):** Craig Fischer, P, 6-3/230, Sr. **Other key returnees:** Bryan Carpenter, OG, Jr.; Bubba Hester, LB, Soph.; John King, FB, Sr.; Andy Korytkowski, WR, Sr.; Terrance McMillan, WR, Jr.; Greg Spranger, LB, Soph.; Erik Timpf, QB, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Charlie Bush, LB, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** At Iowa, Sept. 3; UNLV, Sept. 10; at Eastern Michigan, Sept. 17; Kent, Sept. 24; at Ball State, Oct. 1; Western Michigan, Oct. 8; at Akron, Oct. 15; Miami of Ohio, Oct. 22; at Ohio University, Oct. 29; Toledo, Nov. 5; at Bowling Green State, Nov. 12.

**Last league title won:** 1990.

**Site:** Mount Pleasant, Mich.

### MIAMI OF OHIO

**Offensive strengths:** Quarterback Neil Dougherty was off to a fast start last year before breaking the thumb on his throwing hand in the second game, an injury that sidelined him for the rest of the season. Junior tailback Deland McCullough (1,638 yards in two seasons) was the MAC's top freshman in 1992.

**Offensive weaknesses:** The line lost three starters, and much of its effectiveness hinges on how well talented sophomores Darrell Dodson and Matt Cravens perform.

**Defensive strengths:** Thorpe Award candidate David Thomas, who led the league last year with six interceptions, is the ringleader of a veteran secondary. Marius Douglas is an aggressive cornerback. Middle linebacker Johnnie Williams is effective at chasing down ballcarriers.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The Redskins may have to depend on junior college transfers Chad Durand and Jason Holmes to shore up a depleted line. Untested players likely will start at two outside-linebacker positions.

**Special teams:** The Redskins have few wor-



ries here. Punter Gary Layton and place-kicker Chad Seitz both earned all-conference recognition last year.

**Key to success:** Miami can't afford to get beat up badly early in the season. The Redskins open against MAC favorite Western Michigan and then play non-conference games against Indiana, Cincinnati and Michigan State.

**Outlook:** There are too many question marks at too many positions for the Redskins to be considered a serious title contender, but opponents won't do themselves any favors by underestimating them.

**Coach Randy Walker says:** "I think we are improved in our overall skill level, athleticism and depth, but we need to be consistent on both sides of the ball to be a productive team."

**REDSKINS DATA** Coach: Randy Walker (21-20-3, 4 years).

**1993 record:** 4-7. MAC: 3-6/9th.

**Key losses:** Chris Allen, DT; Gordon Benning, FL; Cipriano Beredo, OG; Robert Blanton, LB; Chris Brenner, OG; Jim Clement, SE; Nick Frantz, C; Dan Joyce, LB; Mike McCreanor, DE; Jason Michelson, DE.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (7):** Brian Besse, TE, 6-2/245, Sr.; Terry Carter, TB, 5-8/190, Sr.; Neil Dougherty, QB, 6-2/218, Jr.; Bobby Johnson, T, 6-2/285, Sr.; Deland McCullough, TB, 5-11/195, Jr.; Jeremy Patterson, FL, 6-3/215, Sr.; Skip Tramontana, FB, 5-11/225, Sr. **Defense (6):** Bill Ahta, T, 6-3/250, Sr.; Tremayne Banks, SE, 5-10/180, Soph.; Marius Douglas, CB, 6-0/185, Sr.; David Thomas, FS, 6-0/180, Sr.; Johnnie Williams, LB, 6-0/220, Jr.; David Wilson, DB, 6-0/190, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Gary Layton, P, 6-1/195, Sr.; Chad Seitz, K, 5-9/165, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** Eric Beverly, TE, Soph.; Jeff Chabot, C, Sr.; Scott Clemons, DT, Jr.; Terry Cole, DE, Jr.; Matt Cravens, OG, Soph.; Darrell Dodson, OT, Soph.; Gene Guidry, OG, Jr.; Mike Jackson, LB, Sr.; Dee Osborne, LB, Soph.; Ernest Perry, CB, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Ryan Abel, LB, Fr.; Chad Durand, DT, Jr. (JC); Alonzo Edmonds, WR, Soph. (RS/academics); Jason Holmes, DE, Jr. (JC); Nathan Lamb, FB, Fr.; C.J. McDavid, WR, Soph. (RS/academics); Marcus Stepp, DT, Fr.

**Schedule:** Western Michigan, Sept. 3; at Indiana, Sept. 10; Cincinnati, Sept. 17; at Michigan State, Sept. 24; at Eastern Michigan, Oct. 1; Akron, Oct. 8; at Ohio University, Oct. 15; at Central Michigan, Oct. 22; at Bowling Green State, Oct. 29; Ball State, Nov. 5; Kent, Nov. 12.

**Last league title won:** 1986.

**Site:** Oxford, O.

and coverage units, becoming one of the MAC's top teams in those areas. Place-kicker was a problem at times last year, and those duties may be given to freshman Brent Locklear. **Key to success:** The Cardinals must do what they like best: control the ball with their talented running backs. Besides Blair and Nibbs, sophomore Jason Kent is emerging as a top back.

**Outlook:** The Cardinals will be only as good as their inexperienced quarterback allows them to be. Everybody else will have to play at a high level to relieve some of the pressure.

**Coach Paul Schudel says:** "We have some players who received a lot of experience last year, and we need those players to step up their game to the next level."

**CARDINALS DATA** Coach: Paul Schudel (55-43-3, 9 years). **1993 record:** 8-3-1 (lost to Utah State in Las Vegas Bowl). MAC: 7-0-1/1st.

**Key losses:** Copatric Dartis, CB; Darrell Graham, S; Malawi Hills, S; Scott Jordan, LB; Mike McClain, OT; Jose Munoz, OT; Mike Neu, QB; Lance Wildoner, OG.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (7):** Andy Berry, T, 6-3/275, Sr.; Mike Blair, FB, 5-11/229, Soph.; Mike Freely, C, 6-2/263, Jr.; Ted Freeman, TE, 6-3/225, Jr.; Juan Gorman, SE, 5-8/169, Sr.; Tony Nibbs, TB, 6-2/200, Sr.; Brian Oliver, FL, 6-3/189, Sr.

**Defense (7):** Jermaine Daniels, T, 6-1/243, Jr.; Jacob Goldwire, CB, 5-7/175, Sr.; Aaron Gralak, LB, 6-2/201, Soph.; Jack

Haworth, E, 6-2/243, Sr.; Kevin Johnson, LB, 5-9/207, Sr.; Scott Kruger, E, 6-2/238, Sr.; Derrick Walker, T, 5-10/253, Jr. **Kickers (1):** Brad Maynard, P, 6-1/175, Soph.

**Other key returnees:** Chris Asbrock, TE, Sr.; Brent Baldwin, QB, Soph.; Marcellus Davis, CB, Soph.; Brian Deede, DE, Jr.; Cory Gilliard, S, Soph.; Bo Hundt, S, Soph.; Jason Kent, TB, Soph.; Mike Kerrigan, OL, Soph.; Matt Knisely, QB, Soph.; Keith McKenzie, LB, Jr.; Ed Pearson, FL, Sr.; Andy Price, TE, Sr.; Tony Roush, OL, Soph.; Robert Wojdelko, DT, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Lloyd Brown, LB, Fr.; Brandon Exeler, LB, Fr.; Keyon Laws, WR/DB, Fr.; Brent Locklear, P/K, Fr.; LeAndre Moore, RB/LB, Fr.; Joe Reedy, QB, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** At West Virginia, Sept. 3; at Purdue, Sept. 17; Ohio University, Sept. 24; Central Michigan, Oct. 1; at Toledo, Oct. 8; Western Michigan, Oct. 15; at Bowling Green State, Oct. 22; Eastern Michigan, Oct. 29; at Miami of Ohio, Nov. 5; Akron, Nov. 12; at Kent, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1993.

**Site:** Muncie, Ind.

## TOLEDO

**Offensive strengths:** Tailback Casey McBeth, a 1992 All-MAC selection, returns after sitting out as a medical redshirt last year. Guards Chadd Dehn and Charlie Webb and center Pete Stone give the Rockets one of the top lines in the conference. In McBeth's absence, Wasean Tait averaged 93.7 yards per

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## BALL STATE

**Offensive strengths:** The Cardinals like to run the ball, and they have two of the top tailbacks in the MAC in Mike Blair, the 1993 conference freshman of the year, and Tony Nibbs. Together, they gained 1,515 yards last season. Wide receiver Brian Oliver is a big-play guy who turned 10 of his 62 receptions into touchdowns.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Two of the three quarterbacks (Matt Knisely and Joe Reedy) bidding for the starting job have never taken a snap in a college game. The third (Brent Baldwin) attempted two passes last year. The line, considered by some the best in the league last year, has been weakened by the loss of three starters.

**Defensive strengths:** The Cardinals found two quality players last season in tackle Jermaine Daniels and linebacker Kevin Johnson. Talented youngsters like Robert Wojdelko and Aaron Gralak must step up and provide consistent help.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Ball State was susceptible to the long pass last season. With three starters gone in the secondary, things may not improve there. A better pass rush is a must.

**Special teams:** The Cardinals have devoted a lot of time in recent years to their kick-return



BALL STATE PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES

Ball State is looking to defensive tackle Jermaine Daniels to provide a better pass rush in 1994.





Toledo tailback Casey McBeth, a 1992 All-MAC selection, returns after sitting out as a medical redshirt last year.

game on the ground. Flanker Tyrone Brown can go deep in a flash.

**Offensive weaknesses:** The probable starting quarterback, Ryan Huzjak, needs to bounce back from a hand injury that plagued him in 1993. He completed just 47.9 percent of his passes.

**Defensive strengths:** Defensive lineman Matt Riesen led the team in tackles for losses (nine) despite missing four games with an injury.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The Rockets lack quality depth on the line and at outside linebacker. A subpar line managed just 15 sacks in 1993 and gave opposing quarterbacks far too much time to set up. Toledo allowed 210.8 yards passing per game.

**Special teams:** There isn't much to boast about here. Mark Spring kicked only seven field goals in 12 attempts and Ty Grude averaged just 33.6 yards per punt. Mark Herron, however, could be a dangerous kick returner.

**Keys to success:** Toledo's defense cannot afford a repeat of its performance of a year ago. The Rockets also must reverse a trend that saw their opponents outscore them, 71-29, in the fourth quarter.

**Outlook:** In two of the last three years, a surprise team has leaped seemingly out of nowhere to shock its MAC brethren and win the league title. Don't be stunned if Toledo makes that leap this season.

**Coach Gary Pinkel says:** "When you come off a season like (1993)—and there were a lot of things that we had no control over and a lot that we did—you're more determined because you know your program is further ahead than your record indicates."

#### ROCKETS DATA Coach: Gary

Pinkel (17-15-1, 3 years).

**1993 record:** 4-7. MAC: 3-5/7th.

**Key losses:** Al Baker, FS; Chad Brown, CB; Maurice Bulls, DE; Jim Gant, LB; Steve Hamilton, OT; Terry Jackson, DT; Joe Palian, LB; Reggie Walls, FB.

**Starters returning: Offense (10):** Matt

Boyd, WR, 6-0/195, Sr.; Calvin Bransford, TE, 6-4/240, Sr.; Tyrone Brown, WR, 5-11/161, Sr.; Scott Brunswick, WR, 6-2/195, Jr.; Chadd Dehn, G, 6-2/285, Sr.; Ryan Huzjak, QB, 6-2/190, Soph.; Kevin Montgomery, T, 6-4/280, Jr.; Pete Stone, C, 6-1/265, Jr.; Wasean Tait, TB, 5-8/165, Soph.; Charlie Webb, G, 6-2/298, Sr. **Defense (5):** Jamal Belt, CB, 5-8/180, Jr.; Craig Dues, SS, 6-0/190, Soph.; Bo Reichart, E, 6-4/250, Sr.; Matt Riesen, DT, 6-0/260, Soph.; Aristotle Wilson, LB, 6-0/202, Jr.

**Kickers (2):** Ty Grude, P, 6-1/190, Soph.; Mark Spring, K, 5-11/178, Jr. **Other key returners:** John Formentin, LB, Sr. (RS/foot); Mark Herron, CB, Soph.; Greg Lohrey, LB, Jr.; Casey McBeth, TB, Sr. (RS/ankle); Brent Parkhill, LB, Jr.; Lee Struck, FS, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Steve Haynes, LB, Jr. (JC); Nate Johnson, OL, Fr.; Jason Venneman, LB, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** Indiana State, Sept. 3; at Purdue, Sept. 10; Liberty, Sept. 17; at Ohio University, Oct. 1; Ball State, Oct. 8; Bowling Green State, Oct. 15; at Akron, Oct. 22; Kent, Oct. 29; at Central Michigan, Nov. 5; Western Michigan, Nov. 12; at Eastern Michigan, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1990.

**Site:** Toledo, O.

#### OHIO UNIVERSITY

**Offensive strengths:** Consistency and continuity finally arrived in the Bobcats' offense in the second half of last season, and players at many key positions are back to continue that trend in 1994. Sam Vink could prosper this year knowing that he's the No. 1 quarterback going into the season. Sophomore running back Lakarlos Townsend is a talent on the rise.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Townsend's 4.4-yard rushing average was fine, but the rest of the running backs performed so poorly that Ohio finished with just a 3.0 average as a team.

**Defensive strengths:** The Bobcats have their best depth of the last four seasons. Among the eight returning starters is safety Damiso Johnson, one of the most unheralded stars in the conference.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The line needs to become more aggressive after yielding nearly five yards per rushing attempt last season. The same can be said for a secondary that intercepted only five passes.

**Special teams:** Both kickers are inexperienced. Scott Roberts didn't become the team's primary place-kicker until the final two games of last season, and Jonathan Beier has yet to punt in a college game. Somebody must emerge to replace valuable kickoff and punt returner Courtney Burton.

**Key to success:** A good start. Otherwise, Ohio risks jeopardizing the momentum it built by winning four of its last five games of 1993.

**Outlook:** This is a key season for the Bobcats, who showed steady improvement last year. With many of its players having solid game experience, Ohio could be on the verge of finishing in the first division for on-

ly the second time in the last 10 years.

**Coach Tom Lichtenberg says:** "Winning four of the last five games has set the tone (and) attitude this year that never has been here since I have been the coach. I think we found out how to win and what it takes to win."

#### BOBCATS DATA Coach: Tom Lichtenberg (8-34-2, 4

years; 26-48-3 overall, 7 years).

**1993 record:** 4-7. MAC: 4-5/6th.

**Key losses:** Clayton Ballard, LB; Jay Beasley, FB; Courtney Burton, WR; Tim Curtis, RB; Marcus Games, NT; Chris Jenkins, WR; Brian Jepson, TE; Tony Poole, CB; Darren Reese, OL; Brad Wojcik, P; Mike Young, LB.

**Starters returning: Offense (6):** Andy Canter, T, 6-5/285, Sr.; Scott Jude, G, 6-4/290, Sr.; Cliff Korzep, T, 6-8/285, Sr.; Dewight Pickens, FB, 6-2/230, Sr.; Lakarlos Townsend, RB, 5-9/195, Jr.; David Wendt, C, 6-2/260, Sr. **Defense (8):** Troy Brandt, T, 6-3/250, Sr.; Jim Frenzer, T, 6-2/265, Sr.; Marcus Gamblin, CB, 6-0/195, Sr.; Damiso Johnson, SS, 6-0/205, Sr.; Benny King, LB, 6-0/245, Jr.; Tim Norviel, FS, 6-3/205, Sr.; Ed Slay, NT, 6-2/255, Sr.; Jabaar Thompson, LB, 6-0/220, Sr.

**Kickers (1):** Scott Roberts, K, 6-2/210, Soph. **Other key returners:** Matt DeWitt, OG, Jr.; Casey Gayle, WR, Sr.; Kevin Martells, DB, Jr.; Chris Morgan, TE, Sr.; Charles Owens, LB, Jr.; Otis St. Clair, WR, Sr.; Sam Vink, QB, Sr.; Bob Wietrzykowski, DL, Jr.

**Top newcomers:** Bob Bees, QB, Jr. (JC); Jonathan Beier, P, Fr. (RS); Brandon Cade, DB, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** At Pittsburgh, Sept. 10; Utah State, Sept. 17; at Ball State, Sept. 24; Toledo, Oct. 1; at Bowling Green State, Oct. 8; Miami of Ohio, Oct. 15; at Kent, Oct. 22; Central Michigan, Oct. 29; at Western Michigan, Nov. 5; Eastern Michigan, Nov. 12; at Akron, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1968.

**Site:** Athens, O.

#### EASTERN MICHIGAN

**Offensive strengths:** Junior college transfer Michael Armour was a nice surprise as a first-year starter at quarterback last season. Tackle Matt Gillette, one of the top linemen in the conference, anchors a front that returns all five starters.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Melvin Green showed promise at running back, but a late-season knee injury in 1993 may limit his effectiveness this season. Nobody else appears poised to pick up the slack if Green is slowed. The receiver positions have a lot of candidates but limited quality.

**Defensive strengths:** Lineman Yusef Dibbles has the ability to track down ballcarriers behind the line of scrimmage. Outside linebacker Wardell Davis is a sure tackler.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The Eagles return seven starters, but how well they fill the void left by departed standouts Walter Campbell on the line and Richard Palmer in the secondary may determine their success.

**Special teams:** Steve Clay is a dangerous returner. He averaged 30.7 yards per kickoff runback last season, including one of 95 yards for a touchdown. Punter Wes Garner had the second-best average (38.8) in the conference as a true freshman in 1993. Place-kicking was an adventure last season.

**Key to success:** The Eagles (plus nine last season) must continue to force more turnovers than they commit.

**Outlook:** The Eagles ran out of steam in the second half of 1993 and ended the year with five straight losses. They're likely another year or two away from making a move into the middle of the conference standings.

**Coach Ron Cooper says:** "The key thing we need to work on is depth. We had a strong run through the middle of last season, but we were hurt by injuries and didn't have a strong backup at every spot."



**EAGLES DATA** Coach: Ron Cooper (4-7, 1 year).

1993 record: 4-7. MAC: 3-5/7th.

**Key losses:** Walter Campbell, DT; Anthony Cicchelli, SE; Richard Palmer, CB; Kevin Tooson, LB; Sean Williams, NT.  
**Starters returning:** **Offense (8):** Michael Armour, QB, 6-1/199, Jr.; Kevin Beverly, C, 6-3/280, Sr.; Steve Clay, FL, 5-5/155, Jr.; Matt Gillette, T, 6-4/275, Sr.; Melvin Green, TB, 5-9/180, Jr.; Leon Jefferson, G, 6-1/255, Soph.; Barry Stokes, T, 6-4/265, Jr.; Ryan Wheatley, TE, 6-2/250, Jr. **Defense (5):** Wardell Davis, LB, 6-0/235, Sr.; Yusef Dibles, E, 6-4/220, Sr.; Reese McCaskill, LB, 6-3/240, Jr.; Maurice Reed, CB, 5-10/170, Sr.; Shawn Williams, T, 6-2/245, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Wes Garner, P, 6-1/185, Soph.; Carson Green, K, 5-10/183, Soph.

**Other key returnees:** Devon Battle, LB, Soph.; Bristol Greene, SE, Jr.; Kevin Kwiatkowski, DT, Jr.; Rodney Nubin, TB, Soph.; Mike Scott, FB, Soph.; Eric Thompson, FS, Jr.

**Top newcomers:** DuJuan Berry, OL, Soph. (RS/academics); Reco Bryant, WR, Soph. (RS/academics); Frank Czapski, OL, Fr. (RS); Devin Grant, LB, Soph. (transfer/Tennessee State); Keito Hurd, DB, Fr. (RS); Pat Laughlin, TE, Fr. (RS); Jumanee Maddox, DL, Fr. (RS); Ben Washington, RB, Fr.; Alex White, OL, Soph. (RS/academics).

**Schedule:** At UNLV, Sept. 3; at Wisconsin, Sept. 10; Central Michigan, Sept. 17; Bowling Green State, Sept. 24; Miami of Ohio, Oct. 1; at Kent, Oct. 8; at Western Michigan, Oct. 22; at Ball State, Oct. 29; Akron, Nov. 5; at Ohio University, Nov. 12; Toledo, Nov. 19.

Last league title won: 1987.

Site: Ypsilanti, Mich.

**AKRON**

**Offensive strengths:** You can't help but wonder how good running back DeShawn Brown can be. In consecutive games last year against Temple and Ohio, he rushed for 258 yards on just 15 carries, then missed the last three games with an injury. The offensive line includes five veterans who have made a combined 81 starts.

**Offensive weaknesses:** With sophomore John Harpring, who started the last two games of 1993, moving to the secondary, the quarterback will likely be junior Matt Kaulig. Kaulig, however, sat out last year with a hamstring injury and hasn't played much since 1991.

**Defensive strengths:** The Zips' best defender is linebacker Phil Dunn, who could be the most underappreciated player in the league. He had 201 tackles in 1992 and 174 in '93 and didn't receive even All-MAC honorable mention either year.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Most of the defense is being rebuilt. Although one veteran returns in each area (secondary, linebacker, line), overall depth is a serious concern.

**Special teams:** Place-kicker Jozsef Jakab was 8-for-12 in field goals last season but range is a problem—he attempted no kicks beyond 40 yards. Punter Jeff Junko had a 37.1-yard average and only 13 of his 55 punts were returned.

**Key to success:** The Zips must build better depth. They thought they could challenge for the MAC crown last year, but a barrage of injuries brought them to the realization that they didn't have as much talent as they thought they did.

**Outlook:** With the quarterback position suspect and the defense a real question mark, Akron could take a hard fall after compiling league records of 5-3 and 4-4 in its first two years in the MAC.

**Coach Gerry Faust says:** "No question about it, we have to rebuild the whole defense. Fortunately, we have a key person in each area of the defense (who) gives us strong cornerstones to build around."

**ZIPS DATA** Coach: Gerry Faust (42-43-3, 8 years; 72-

69-4 overall, 13 years).

1993 record: 5-6. MAC: 4-4/5th.

**Key losses:** Wayne Anderson, DE; Kenny Chapman, WR;

Chris Haskins, DE; Bret Hrivnak, TE; Chad Licht, LB; Eugene Phillips, DE; Odell Robbins, LB; Wayne Wade, CB; Ken Williams, LB; Marcel Weems, QB.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (8):** Eric Agosti, C, 6-2/250, Sr.; Ed Badinghaus, T, 6-5/250, Sr.; Jeff Blakely, WR, 5-10/180, Jr.; Symeon Floyd, FB, 5-11/220, Soph.; Darrien Gouch, RB, 5-9/175, Sr.; Mike Lyons, G, 6-5/260, Sr.; Matt Rose, G, 6-4/290, Sr.; John Thomas, T, 6-5/275, Soph. **Defense (4):** Lance Cash, FS, 6-2/185, Sr.; Morris Cosey, G, 6-1/260, Sr.; Ted Draper, CB, 5-8/160, Sr.; Phil Dunn, LB, 6-0/230, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Jozsef Jakab, K, 5-7/160, Jr.; Jeff Junko, P, 6-3/200, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** DeShawn Brown, RB, Jr.; Lamont Brown, DL, Soph. (RS/academics); John Harpring, DB, Soph.; Petu Ieli, FB, Sr.; Marlon Jacobs, RB, Jr.; Matt Kaulig, QB, Jr.; Devon Scott, WR, Soph. (RS/academics); Jermel Wilkerson, RB, Jr. **Top newcomers:** Brian Magrell, QB, Fr.; Eric Rucker, RB, Fr. (RS); Steve Terry, LB, Fr. (RS); Darrel White, QB, Fr. (RS); Jamon Williams, WR, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** Temple, Sept. 1; Bowling Green State, Sept. 10; at Kent, Sept. 17; at Western Michigan, Sept. 24; at Miami of Ohio, Oct. 8; Central Michigan, Oct. 15; Toledo, Oct. 22; at Youngstown State, Oct. 29; at Eastern Michigan, Nov. 5; at Ball State, Nov. 12; Ohio University, Nov. 19.

Last league title won: None.

Site: Akron, O.

**KENT**

**Offensive strengths:** Lineman Craig Peeps has started 12 games over the last two years and is versatile enough to play several positions. When listing the Golden Flashes' offensive pluses, Peeps is it—at least pending further developments. (There's even a downside with the 255-pound Peeps. He's injury-prone.)

**Offensive weaknesses:** With tailback Raeshuan Jernigan, one of the MAC's top freshmen last year, lost for the season due to academic woes, Kent's ground game is in serious trouble. Outside of Jernigan, the top returning rusher is Omar Williams, who gained 143 yards. Quarterback is a major question mark.

**Defensive strengths:** Linebacker Rich Yurkiewicz, tackle Matt Jenne and defensive back Vance Benton are fine players, but they're likely to get worn down quickly unless Kent's offense can keep its defense from

spending too much time on the field.

**Defensive weaknesses:** With just two solid players in the front seven, teams should be able to muscle up on Kent. Three starters return in the secondary, but opponents completed 51 percent of their passes against that group last season.

**Special teams:** Kent's net punting average was only 32.2 yards, and this was an easy team to block a punt against, too. Robbie Butts will be the new place-kicker.

**Key to success:** This program is a long way from being successful. Being respectable is a more realistic goal in 1994.

**Outlook:** Kent didn't win a game last season and don't be stunned if that happens again this year. There are just too many holes to expect much in the way of success this year. **Coach Jim Corrigan says:** "The team is responding to the attitude we are trying to incorporate, and that is encouraging."

**GOLDEN FLASHES DATA** Coach: Jim Corrigan

(first year as head coach).

1993 record: 0-11. MAC: 0-9/10th.

**Key losses:** Lester Carney, FL; Ryan Creed, OT; Brain Dusho, SE; Raeshuan Jernigan, TB; Steve Koproski, TE; Jay McNeil, OG; Sean Patterson, LB; Brady Renners, DE; Maurice Sumpter, DT; Jeff Turner, DE; Rodney West, OT; Keith Younger, SS.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (3):** Craig Peeps, C, 6-6/255, Sr.; Lance Reisland, QB, 6-4/197, Soph.; Don White, G, 6-4/261, Soph.; Omar Williams, FB, 5-10/192, Sr. **Defense (6):** Berkeley Claggett, CB, 5-9/188, Sr.; John Durkos, LB, 6-3/219, Sr.; Matt Jenne, T, 6-3/265, Sr.; Robert Moore, CB, 5-9/164, Soph.; Micah Potts, FS, 6-0/184, Soph.; Rich Yurkiewicz, LB, 6-3/216, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Brian Cunningham, K, 6-0/203, Jr.; Ken Walter, P, 6-0/182, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Vance Benton, CB, Sr. (RS/knee); Robbie Butts, K, Jr.

**Top newcomers:** David Mathis, RB, Fr. (RS/knee); David Sabolcik, OL, Fr. (RS/shoulder).

**Schedule:** At Rutgers, Sept. 3; Akron, Sept. 17; at Central Michigan, Sept. 24; at Western Michigan, Oct. 1; Eastern Michigan, Oct. 8; at Youngstown State, Oct. 15; Ohio University, Oct. 22; at Toledo, Oct. 29; Bowling Green State, Nov. 5; at Miami of Ohio, Nov. 12; Ball State, Nov. 19.

Last league title won: 1972.

Site: Kent, O. ♦



Most of Akron's defense is being rebuilt, but the Zips can count on free safety Lance Cash upending Mid-American Conference foes this season.



# SCOUTING THE MID-AMERICAN

**Ascending:** Ohio University. The Bobcats took a small but long-awaited step forward in 1993 and bear watching this season. The freshmen and sophomores who struggled the last couple of seasons are maturing into solid players.

**Descending:** Akron. The Zips surprised the rest of the league by being competitive in their first year in the MAC in 1992, but they discovered last season that they must do more than just talk a good game. There's a spot waiting for them near the bottom of the standings this year.

**Nightmare schedule:** Eastern Michigan.

After opening the year at UNLV, the Eagles visit Rose Bowl champion Wisconsin the following week. They open league play with games against title contenders Central Michigan, Bowling Green State and Miami of Ohio. That's a tall order for any team trying to establish itself.

**Dream schedule:** Toledo. The Rockets' first two home games are against Division I-AA Indiana State and Liberty, contests sandwiched around a trip to Purdue, where Toledo won two years ago. The Rockets then get a week off before starting league play.

**Best matchup of the year:** Western Michigan at Central Michigan, October 8. This game pits the two best quarterbacks in the league (Jay McDonagh vs. Erik Timpf), and the conference championship could well hinge on the outcome.

**Worst matchup of the year:** Akron and Kent are located just a few miles apart and are fierce rivals, but when they stumble into each other on September 17, will anybody really care?

**Shocker of the year:** Eastern Michigan over Bowling Green on September 24. With this game tucked in between a home game against Navy and a road game at Cincinnati, the Falcons could find it difficult getting up for Eastern Michigan.

**Bowl bound:** Western Michigan. The Broncos thought they were the MAC's best team last season, but they didn't get to prove it because they didn't play eventual champion Ball State. Western Michigan is on a mission this season.

**Biggest shoes to fill:** Ball State quarterback Mike Neu's. The Cardinals are auditioning three players at the position, two with no experience, and the player chosen will be asked to replace the league's 1993 Player of the Year.

**Most underrated player:** Akron linebacker Phil Dunn. All he has done is make 375 tackles in the last two seasons and lead the Zips' defense. His reward? Not even making All-MAC honorable mention.

**Impact newcomers:** Jamual Bohannon, CB, Western Michigan, Jr. (JC); Tony Knox, WR, Western Michigan, Jr. (JC); Mickey Meilinger-Ott, LB, Toledo, Fr.; Artie Shaw, WR, Miami of Ohio, Fr. (RS); Ben Washing-

ton, RB, Eastern Michigan, Fr.; Keith Woods, CB, Ohio University, Jr. (JC); LaMark Woolfolk, DB, Miami of Ohio, Fr. (RS).

**Coach of the year:** Al Molde, Western Michigan. He has built one of the most consistent winners in the MAC during his seven seasons with the Broncos, and he'll lead the school to its first title since 1988.

## HONOR ROLL

<b>Best offensive line:</b> Toledo	<b>Best secondary:</b> Bowling Green State
<b>Best offensive backfield:</b> Central Michigan	<b>Best-hitting defensive back:</b> Lance Cash, Akron
<b>Best backup quarterback:</b> Andrew Schorffhaar, Western Michigan	<b>Best kicking game:</b> Miami of Ohio
<b>Best wide receivers:</b> Bowling Green State	<b>Best kick-coverage units:</b> Bowling Green State
<b>Best clutch receiver:</b> Brian Oliver, Ball State	<b>Best coaching staff:</b> Bowling Green State
<b>Best defensive line:</b> Western Michigan	<b>Best coach:</b> Gary Blackney, Bowling Green State
<b>Best-hitting defensive lineman:</b> Dion Powell, Western Michigan	<b>Best Heisman candidate:</b> None
<b>Best linebackers:</b> Bowling Green State	<b>Best pro prospect:</b> David Thomas, FS, Miami of Ohio
<b>Best-hitting linebacker:</b> Vince Palko, Bowling Green State	

## RETURNING LEADERS

<b>Rushing:</b> Brian Pruitt, Central Michigan, 94.4 yds./game (201 att., 944 yds., 7 TDs, 4.7 avg.).
<b>Passing efficiency:</b> Jay McDonagh, Western Michigan, 135.9 rating pts. (283 att., 174 comp., 1,974 yds., 16 TDs).
<b>Total offense:</b> Jay McDonagh, Western Michigan, 209.0 yds./game (325 yds. rushing, 1,974 yds. passing, 2,299 total yds.).
<b>Receiving:</b> Brian Oliver, Ball State, 5.6 rec./game (62 rec., 1,010 yds., 10 TDs, 16.3 avg.).
<b>Scoring:</b> Mike Blair, Ball State, Kevin Knope, Western Michigan, and Brian Oliver, Ball State, 5.5 pts./game.
<b>Punting:</b> Gary Layton, Miami of Ohio, 42.2 avg. (65 punts, 2,744 yds.).
<b>Punt returns:</b> Ronnie Redd, Bowling Green State, 10.1 avg. (19 att., 192 yds., 0 TDs).
<b>Kickoff returns:</b> Ernest Perry, Miami of Ohio, 23.4 avg. (21 att., 492 yds., 0 TDs).
<b>Field goals:</b> Kevin Knope, Western Michigan, 1.2 FGs/game (13/20 FGs, 65%).
<b>Interceptions:</b> David Thomas, Miami of Ohio, .55 int./game (6 int., 63 yds., 0 TDs).

**Coach on the hot seat:** Gerry Faust, Akron. His record in eight seasons at the school is 42-43-3. How long will the Zips tolerate mediocre records and dwindling fan support?

**Best bets:** Unlike the last three seasons, no team will go unbeaten in conference play. . . . No MAC receiver will catch 10 touchdown

passes. . . . Kent will become the first team since Ohio in 1986 and '87 to go winless in the league two seasons in a row. . . . Despite losing 1993 total-offense leader Joe Youngblood, Central Michigan won't miss a beat at quarterback with senior

Erik Timpf. . . . Though only a sophomore, Ball State running back Mike Blair will be all-conference for the second straight year.

**Odds and ends:** Bowling Green hasn't lost at home in Gary Blackney's three seasons as coach (14-0-1). . . . Miami of Ohio's

winning percentage of .633 ranks in the Top 20 all-time in Division I-A. The Redskins have won more conference games (178) and league titles (13) than any other MAC school. . . . Bowling Green's 11 turnovers were second-fewest in the nation behind

Notre Dame's 10 last year. The Falcons tied an NCAA record by losing just two fumbles. The last Division I-A team to lose as few as two fumbles in a season was UCLA in 1952. . . . Family ties: Two Eastern Michigan recruits have famous sports fathers: Brian Wilcox is a son of former major league baseball pitcher Milt Wilcox, and L.J. Shelton's father, Lonnie, played in the NBA. Eastern Michigan fullback John Rice is a cousin of San Francisco 49ers receiver Jerry Rice. . . . Ball State's defense ended the 1993 regular season without having allowed a touchdown in 15 quarters. . . . Ohio is marking 100 years of football this season. . . . When Herb Deromedi resigned as Central Michigan's coach last spring to become the school's athletic director, Ball State's Paul Schudel (entering his 10th season) became the dean of MAC coaches. . . . The league's two new coaches, Central Michigan's Dick Flynn and Kent's Jim Corrigall, both played at their current schools and both were promoted from assistant-coaching positions. . . . Ball State's Schudel has sung with the Muncie Masterworks Chorale in Carnegie Hall and joined his wife, Mary, in the lead roles in "A Madrigal Feast," a fund-raising theatrical production in Muncie, Ind. ♦

—DOUG ZALESKI



All-MAC honors await Ball State's Mike Blair.



Brian Pruitt could become Central Michigan's first 1,000-yard rusher since 1991.

COURTESY OF CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY



# It could finally be Year of the Wildcat in the Pac-10

By DON BORST

Tacoma News Tribune

It seems as though everyone in the Pacific-10 Conference has been getting a piece of the league championship lately, and the Arizona Wildcats think it's about time that they become a little selfish, too.

Although they shared the league title with UCLA and Southern California last season, the Wildcats are the only team in either the Pac-10 or Big Ten (yes, including Penn State) that has not played in the Rose Bowl. But if talent, depth, coaching, schedule and a building tradition mean anything, this should be the Year of the Wildcat in the Pac-10.

"Last year felt quite a bit like a championship," Arizona Coach Dick Tomey said. "It was a lot of fun because so much was riding on our last game against Arizona State . . . that win got us a share of the championship, our major bowl game (Fiesta) and a trophy from the Pac-10."

"But this year we'd like to get to the Rose Bowl."

The Wildcats' astounding 29-0 rout of Miami (Fla.) in the Fiesta Bowl may have an even longer-lasting effect on the Arizona program than a trip to Pasadena would have. If they are able to stack victories in the Fiesta and Rose bowls on top of one another, the Wildcats could become more than just interlopers in the national Top 10. They would have a strong claim for being one of the top college football programs in the country in the 1990s.

There will be, of course, some resistance from other Pac-10 teams. The old guard in Los Angeles—UCLA and Southern Cal—will be striving to regain a headlock on the granddaddy of all bowl games. The Bruins, who went to the Rose Bowl last season on the strength of victories over Arizona and USC, are still stinging from the early departure to the NFL of their best two defensive players. The Trojans, meanwhile, are hoping that a handful of junior college transfers will help to infuse some speed into their lineup.

Probation-saddled Washington is again ineligible for the Rose Bowl, and most of the other Pac-10 teams (except California) might as well be.

With every team having its starting quarterback returning from last season, offensive confidence abounds. That could lead to upsets galore and turn the league race into another scramble.

Still, Arizona is the team to beat.

## ARIZONA

**Offensive strengths:** The most physical offense in the Pac-10 returns its entire offensive line, including burly guard Warner Smith.

**Offensive weaknesses:** The backfield is relatively thin following tailback Chuck Levy's decision to leap to the NFL a year early. The Wildcats, however, are counting on sophomore Gary Taylor to become a big-play threat in the backfield alongside senior Ontwaun Carter, who is due to become Arizona's career rushing leader.

**Defensive strengths:** The way they control

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the line of scrimmage, it wouldn't be surprising to see the Wildcats replicate their dominant style of 1993. They were second in the nation in total defense (237 yards per game) and six starters are back, including the league's top two defensive linemen (Tedy Bruschi and Jim Hoffman), its top two safeties (Brandon Sanders and Tony Bouie) and highly touted linebacker Sean Harris.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The man who anchored that tough '93 defense, Outland Trophy winner Rob Waldrop, is gone. Team leading tackler Brant Boyer also must be replaced. **Special teams:** The Wildcats excel in kick coverage, taking great pride in giving their Desert Swarm defense a long field to defend. Place-kicker Steve McLaughlin and punter



Six starters, including linebacker Sean Harris, return from Arizona's outstanding '93 defense.

Matt Peyton return after solid seasons, but Levy's departure leaves some questions in the return game.

**Key to success:** A good season from quarterback Dan White. The junior played exceptionally well in three games last year when he led the Wildcats to big victories over USC, Arizona State and Miami. As a second-year starter, he'll be counted on to have eight or nine such performances in 1994.

**Outlook:** Following their 10-2 breakthrough season, there appear to be few reasons why the Wildcats can't be even better this year. Arizona is the only Pac-10 team that has never been to the Rose Bowl, but it's going to take some major upsets to keep that string alive.

**Coach Dick Tomey says:** "A good quarterback without a good offensive line in this league is not going to make much of a difference. We've all got to protect our quarterback and keep him healthy."

**WILDCATS DATA** Coach: Dick Tomey (46-31-4, 7 years; 109-77 overall, 17 years).

1993 record: 10-2 (beat Miami (Fla.) in Fiesta Bowl), Pac-10: 6-2/T1st.

**Key losses:** Brant Boyer, LB; Troy Dickey, WR; Jimmie Hopkins, DE; Shawn Jarrett, LB; Billy Johnson, RB; Chuck Levy, RB (declared for NFL draft); Rod Lewis, TE; Jay Phillips, CB; Terry Vaughn, WR; Rob Waldrop, NG.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (8):** Ontwaun Carter, TB, 5-10/177, Sr.; Mike Clasca, T, 6-6/300, Sr.; Hicham El-Mashtoub, C, 6-3/295, Sr.; Pulu Poumele, G, 6-3/300, Sr.; Joe Smigiel, T, 6-5/285, Sr.; Warner Smith, G, 6-3/290, Sr.; Mu Tagaoi, T, 6-4/354, Sr.; Dan White, QB, 6-5/215, Jr. **Defense (6):** Tony Bouie, FS, 5-10/183, Sr.; Tedy Bruschi, E, 6-1/255, Jr.; Sean Harris, LB, 6-3/235, Sr.; Jim Hoffman, T, 6-4/275, Sr.; Brandon Sanders, SS, 5-10/175, Jr.; Claudius Wright, CB, 5-11/187, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Steve McLaughlin, K, 6-1/175, Sr.; Matt Peyton, P, 6-1/183, Soph.

**Other key returnees:** Brady Batten, QB, Soph.; Chester Burnett, LB, Soph.; Charlie Camp, LB, Jr. (RS/tailback); Thomas Demps, LB, Jr.; Richard Dice, WR, Soph.; Bryan Hand, OG, Jr. (RS/NCAA appeal); Akil Jackson, DE, Sr.; Chuck Osborne, NG, Jr.; Shawn Parnell, CB, Jr. (RS/academics); Jason Patterson, FB, Jr.; Joe Salave'a, DT, Soph. (RS/academics); Mike Scurlock, CB, Sr.; Paul Stamer, OT, Sr.; Cary Taylor, WR, Jr.; Gary Taylor, RB, Soph.; Willie Walker, OL, Soph. (RS/academics); Spencer Wray, CB, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Ron Holmes, WR, Fr.; Kevin Schmidke, RB, Fr.; Jimmy Spritte, LB, Fr. (RS); Derrick Stewart, DB, Soph. (RS/JC); Mike Szlaucko, LB, Fr. (RS); Damon Terrell, TE, Jr. (JC). **Schedule:** At Georgia Tech, Sept. 1; At New Mexico State, Sept. 10; at Stanford, Sept. 24; Oregon State, Oct. 1; Colorado State, Oct. 8; at Washington State, Oct. 15; UCLA, Oct. 22; at Oregon, Oct. 29; California, Nov. 5; at Southern California, Nov. 12; Arizona State, Nov. 25.

Last league title won: 1993.

Site: Tucson, Ariz.

## UCLA

**Offensive strengths:** Quarterback Wayne Cook refuses to throw many bad passes, as evidenced by his astounding 18-4 touchdown-to-interception ratio last season. And with receivers like All-America J.J. Stokes and Kevin Jordan, why should he? It seems as though there's always someone open. Four of the top six running backs return, although leading rusher Skip Hicks is questionable for the season after undergoing reconstructive knee surgery in the spring.

**Offensive weaknesses:** An exceptional offensive line helped the Bruins to the Rose Bowl, but now they must replace three linemen who had 10 years of starting experience.

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# PRESEASON ALL-PACIFIC-10 TEAM

## PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

### OFFENSE



J.J.  
STOKES  
WR, UCLA

### DEFENSE



JERROTT  
WILLARD  
LB, California

### NEWCOMERS OF THE YEAR

**OFFENSE:** Bryant Thomas, WR, Washington State

**DEFENSE:** Erick Herrin, LB, Southern Cal

## FIRST TEAM

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	J.J. STOKES, UCLA	6-4/214	Sr.
WR	JUSTIN ARMOUR, Stanford	6-6/215	Sr.
TE	MARK BRUENER, Washington	6-5/240	Sr.
T	TONY BOSELLI, Southern Cal	6-8/305	Sr.
T	JONATHAN OGDEN, UCLA	6-8/315	Jr.
C	JOHNNY FEINGA, Oregon State	6-1/315	Sr.
G	WARNER SMITH, Arizona	6-3/290	Sr.
G	KRIS POLLACK, Southern Cal	6-5/280	Sr.
QB	STEVE STENSTROM, Stanford	6-3/205	Sr.
RB	NAPOLEON KAUFMAN, Washington	5-9/185	Sr.
RB	J.J. YOUNG, Oregon State	5-10/192	Sr.

### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	TEDY BRUSCHI, Arizona	6-1/255	Jr.
DL	CHAD EATON, Washington State	6-5/272	Sr.
DL	DeWAYNE PATTERSON, Wash. State	6-1/257	Sr.
LB	JERROTT WILLARD, California	6-2/230	Sr.
LB	DONNIE EDWARDS, UCLA	6-3/220	Jr.
LB	SEAN HARRIS, Arizona	6-3/235	Sr.
LB	INK ALEAGA, Washington	6-2/220	Jr.
DB	TONY BOUIE, Arizona	5-10/183	Sr.
DB	CRAIG NEWSOME, Arizona State	6-0/175	Sr.
DB	WILLIAM EPHRAIM, Oregon State	5-10/162	Sr.
DB	BRANDON SANDERS, Arizona	5-10/175	Jr.

### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	BJORN MERTEN, UCLA	6-0/203	Soph.
P	AARON MILLS, Stanford	6-0/175	Sr.
KR	NAPOLEON KAUFMAN, Washington	5-9/185	Sr.

## SECOND TEAM

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	KEVIN JORDAN, UCLA	6-2/188	Jr.
WR	CRISTIN McLEMORE, Oregon	5-11/177	Jr.
TE	TONY CLINE, Stanford	6-5/240	Sr.
T	JEFF KYSTAR, Arizona State	6-7/320	Sr.
T	JEFF BUCKEY, Stanford	6-5/280	Jr.
C	HICHAM EL-MASHTOUB, Arizona	6-3/295	Sr.
G	MARC McCLOSKEY, Washington State	6-4/284	Jr.
G	PULU POULELE, Arizona	6-3/300	Sr.
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RB	ONTIWAUN CARTER, Arizona	5-10/177	Sr.
RB	SHAWN WALTERS, Southern Cal	6-0/225	Soph.

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LB	JEREMY ASHER, Oregon	6-2/221	Jr.
LB	PAUL JOINER, California	6-2/230	Sr.
LB	JEFF KOPP, Southern Cal	6-4/235	Sr.
DB	TORY HUNTER, Washington State	5-10/170	Sr.
DB	CHAD COTA, Oregon	6-1/188	Sr.
DB	CARL GREENWOOD, UCLA	6-0/192	Sr.
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P	DARREN SCHAGER, UCLA	6-0/194	Sr.
KR	MATT CLIZBE, California	5-11/180	Sr.

Huge tackle Jonathan Ogden rates with the league's best and center Mike Flanagan also returns, but it's guys like Matt Soenksen and James Christensen who will have to step up for the Bruins to contend.

**Defensive strengths:** The line, led by small-but-tough noseguard George (Psycho) Kase, is deep. Carl Greenwood and Teddy Lawrence are top-of-the-line cornerbacks.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Losing linebacker Jamir Miller a year early hurts, but the early departure of a starting safety in each of the last two years (Othello Henderson in 1993, Marvin Goodwin in '94) is more significant. Now, Donnie Edwards is the only proven linebacker and the safeties are brand new.

**Special teams:** All-America kicker Bjorn

Merten (21-for-26 on field-goal attempts) and all-conference punter Darren Schager (41.7-yard average) should continue to give the Bruins an edge every week. Paul Guidry is a superb punt returner.

**Key to success:** A rebuilt offensive line must jell quickly. It was a team strength last year (four Bruin backs had 100-yard rushing games), and it needs to be solid for the running game to succeed.

**Outlook:** Last season, the Bruins avoided injuries, led the nation in turnover margin (plus 19) and shoved J.J. Stokes down the throats of opposing defenses. With a tough schedule that starts with Tennessee, ends with USC and includes trips to Nebraska, Washington, Cal and Arizona, the Bruins will need to make their own breaks again.

**Coach Terry Donahue says:** "I have never seen a receiver who is as dangerous as J.J. is after he catches the football. That ability to not only get open and catch the ball but to gain as many yards as he does after the catch is what sets him apart from other receivers."

### BRUINS DATA

**Coach:** Terry Donahue (139-63-8, 18 years).

**1993 record:** 8-4 (lost to Wisconsin in Rose Bowl), Pac-10: 6-2/T1st.

**Key losses:** Brian Allen, TE; Travis Collier, FS; Ricky Davis, RB; Marvin Goodwin, SS (declared for NFL draft); Nkosi Littleton, LB; Jamir Miller, LB (declared for NFL draft); Craig Novitsky, OG; Carrick O'Quinn, LB; Vaughn Parker, OT; Derek Stevens, OG; Matt Werner, DT.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (6):** Wayne Cook, QB, 6-3/205, Sr.; Mike Flanagan, C, 6-4/255, Jr.; Kevin Jordan, FL, 6-2/188, Jr.; Jonathan Ogden, T, 6-8/315, Jr.; J.J. Stokes, SE, 6-4/214, Sr.; Daron Washington, RB, 6-0/205, Sr. **Defense (5):** Donnie Edwards, LB, 6-3/220, Jr.; Carl Greenwood, CB, 6-0/192, Sr.; Sale Isaila, T, 6-4/300, Sr.; George Kase, NG, 6-2/255, Jr.; Teddy Lawrence, CB, 5-9/181, Jr.; **Kickers (2):** Bjorn Merten, K, 6-0/203, Soph.; Darren Schager, P, 6-0/194, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Bryan Adams, SE, Sr.; James Chris-

tensen, OG/C, Jr. (RS/knee); Jamal Clark, TE, Soph.; Ryan Fien, QB, Soph. (RS/foot); Paul Guidry, FS, Soph.; Skip Hicks, RB, Soph.; Shane Jasper, LB, Sr.; Travis Kirschke, NG, Soph.; James Milliner, RB, Jr.; Mike Nguyen, FL, Sr.; Brian Richards, TE, Jr.; Sharron Shah, RB, Soph. (RS/knees); Rod Smalley, LB, Sr.; Matt Soenksen, OG, Jr.; London Woodfin, DT, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Anthony Jones, LB, Soph. (transfer/Notre Dame); Danjuan Magee, LB, Fr.; Andy Meyers, OG, Fr.; Vavae Tata, DL, Fr.; Tim Waddleton, LB, Jr. (JC); Brian Willmer, LB, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** Tennessee, Sept. 3; Southern Methodist, Sept. 10; at Nebraska, Sept. 17; Washington State, Sept. 24; at Washington, Oct. 1; at California, Oct. 8; Oregon State, Oct. 15; at Arizona, Oct. 22; Stanford, Oct. 29; at Arizona State, Nov. 12; Southern California, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1993.

**Site:** Los Angeles.

## SOUTHERN CAL

**Offensive strengths:** The accurate and savvy Rob Johnson is on the short list of Heisman Trophy candidates. Coach John Robinson expects tackle Tony Boselli to lead the line into a more physical, dominant, USC-like presence.

**Offensive weaknesses:** It's been a long time since the likes of O.J. Simpson and Marcus Allen played for the Trojans. Owing to a combination of line and running-back problems, USC had just one 100-yard rushing performance in 1993, and the dearth of good backs could force the Trojans into using more one-back sets. It also could force a couple of recruits into immediate action. Sophomore Shawn Walters is the best of the returnees.

**Defensive strengths:** They're not superstars, but outside linebackers Brian Williams (a two-year starter) and Gerald Caruthers aren't bad. Second-half resourcefulness served the Trojans well last year—they allowed just 5.6 points per game after halftime.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The front seven



COURTESY OF UCLA

Junior Donnie Edwards is UCLA's only proven linebacker.



still doesn't look very sturdy, a good reason why USC allowed 4.1 yards per rush last year (ninth in the league). Junior college transfers Israel Ifeanyi and Errick Herrin could provide immediate help at linebacker.

**Special teams:** The Trojans succeeded last season almost in spite of their special teams, which were ordinary at best and downright terrible at worst. The arrival of prep All-America Adam Abrams should heighten competition and performance in the kicking game. Ken Grace, a capable kick returner, probably will handle punts, too.

**Key to success:** Receivers Grace, Edward Hervey and junior college transfer Keyshawn Johnson must combine to make the plays that departed All-America Johnnie Morton used to. Johnson can throw the ball, but will there be anyone capable of catching it?

**Outlook:** Robinson has returned some of the old, winning feeling back to Southern Cal. Last year's share of the Pac-10 title (with UCLA and Arizona) in his first season back shows that Robinson may actually be ahead of schedule in re-establishing the Trojans' image. An outstanding recruiting year helps, too, but USC is still far from returning to its days of dominance.

**Coach John Robinson says:** "We're coming off a pretty good first year, but we need to take it up another step. We must become a more physical team."

**TROJANS DATA** Coach: John Robinson (75-19-2, 8 years).

**1993 record:** 8-5 (beat Utah in Freedom Bowl), Pac-10: 6-2/T1st.

**Key losses:** Bradford Banta, TE; Joe Barry, LB; Joel Crisman, OG; Craig Gibson, C; Thomas Holland, DT; Shannon Jones,

DE; Dwight McFadden, TB (declared for NFL draft); Willie McGinest, DE; Johnnie Morton, WR; Jason Oliver, S; Mike Salmon, S; Jason Sehorn, CB; Deon Strother, FB.

**Starters returning: Offense (6):** Tony Boselli, T, 6-8/305, Sr.; Norberto Garrido, T, 6-7/295, Jr.; Ken Grace, WR, 5-10/170, Sr.; Rob Johnson, QB, 6-4/220, Sr.; Kris Pollack, G, 6-5/280, Sr.; Shawn Walters, TB, 6-0/225, Soph.

**Defense (4):** John Herpin, CB, 6-0/185, Sr.; Matt Keneley, E, 6-5/290, Soph.; Jeff Kopp, LB, 6-4/235, Sr.; Brian Williams, LB, 6-2/230, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Cole Ford, K, 6-2/195, Sr.; John Stonehouse, P, 5-11/210, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** Gerald Caruthers, LB, Sr.; Tyler Cashman, TE, Jr.; Donn Cunningham, LB, Sr.; Scott Fields, S, Jr.; Jerald Henry, CB, Sr.; Edward Hervey, WR, Sr.; Sammy Knight, S, Soph.; Robert Loya, C/G, Jr.; Eric Mahone, DE, Sr. (RS/shoulder); Johnny McWilliams, TE, Jr.; Micah Phillips, S, Jr.; Kyle Wachholtz, QB, Jr.

**Top newcomers:** Adam Abrams, K, Fr.; Mario Bradley, CB, Jr. (JC); Marlin Carey, TB, Fr.; Leonard Green, TB, Jr. (JC); Errick Herrin, LB, Jr. (RS/JC); Israel Ifeanyi, LB, Jr. (RS/JC); Keyshawn Johnson, WR, Jr. (RS/JC); Phalen Pounds, OG, Fr. (RS); Darrell Russell, DE, Fr.; Anthony Sanford, NT, Jr. (JC); Rodney Semmons, TB, Fr.; Anthony Volsan, WR, Fr. (RS); Delon Washington, TB, Fr.; LaVale Woods, TB, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** Washington, Sept. 3; at Penn State, Sept. 10; Baylor, Sept. 24; Oregon, Oct. 1; at Oregon State, Oct. 8; at Stanford, Oct. 15; California, Oct. 22; at Washington State, Nov. 5; Arizona, Nov. 12; at UCLA, Nov. 19; Notre Dame, Nov. 26.

**Last league title won:** 1993.

**Site:** Los Angeles.

## WASHINGTON

**Offensive strengths:** Shifty Napoleon Kaufman led the Pac-10 with 1,299 yards rushing last year, and his return ensures the Huskies the threat of a balanced attack. Tight end Mark Bruener has few, if any, peers at his position. Junior Damon Huard has been awarded the quarterback job outright after a season of controversy at the position, and he's expected to flourish under the hand of new offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick.



Washington tight end Mark Bruener has few, if any, peers at his position in the college game.

**Offensive weaknesses:** None of the wide receivers established himself as a game-breaker last season. The offensive line is young, but Washington never has a problem finding good blockers.

**Defensive strengths:** Sophomore linebacker Ink Aleaga is a budding star, and the secondary is experienced and deep. Hard-hitting safeties David Killpatrick and Louis Jones both have moved to outside linebacker, which should enhance overall team speed.

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California's Jerrott Willard is one of the most complete inside linebackers in college football. He can go sideline-to-sideline as well as offensive backfield-to-secondary.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Steve Hoffmann, Mike Ewaliko and Cedric White are all promising linemen, but none has suggested that he'll command regular double-teaming from opponents.

**Special teams:** Last spring, the Husky coaches considered placing ads in the campus newspaper for a kicker and a punter since they had no experienced or impressive players at either position. However, the Huskies do have one of college football's most electrifying return men in Kaufman, who probably will return both punts and kickoffs.

**Key to success:** Huard must play well. For three years, he has been viewed as Washington's next great quarterback. This is the year he must deliver.

**Outlook:** After taking over for Don James just 12 days before the 1993 season began, Coach Jim Lambright has had a full year to establish his own program. The problem is, his Huskies again have no bowl-game incentive due to a second year of probation, and facing USC, Ohio State, Miami (Fla.) and UCLA in the first four games doesn't make it any easier.

**Coach Jim Lambright says:** "Last year for me was like being half a head coach, half a coordinator, half a position coach . . . that's too many halves. Now, with a full staff, I can concentrate on being the head coach."

**HUSKIES DATA** Coach: Jim Lambright (7-4, 1 year). 1993 record: 7-4. Pac-10: 5-3/ineligible for league title. Key losses: Hillary Butler, LB; D'Marco Farr, DT; Jamal Fontaine, DE; Tom Gallagher, OT; Travis Hanson, K; Matt Jones, FB; Joe Kralik, FL; Andy Mason, LB; Jim Nevelle, C; Pete Pierson, OT; Steve Springstead, LB; John Werdel, P.

**Starters returning:** Offense (5): Mark Bruener, TE, 6-5/240, Sr.; Frank Garcia, G (will move to C), 6-1/290, Sr.; Damon Huard, QB, 6-4/220, Jr.; Napoleon Kaufman, TB, 5-9/185, Sr.; Andrew Peterson, G, 6-5/305, Sr. Defense (6): Russell Hairston, CB, 5-11/185, Sr.; Trevor Highfield, MG (will move to OG), 6-4/285, Jr.; Louis Jones, SS (will move to LB), 6-2/222, Sr.; Lamar Lyons, FS, 6-3/208, Sr.; Reggie Reser, CB, 5-10/180, Jr.; Donovan Schmidt, LB, 6-3/245, Sr. Kickers: None. Other key returnees: Ink Aleaga, LB, Soph.; Eric Bjornson, FL,

Sr.; Richie Chambers, LB, Sr.; Mike Ewaliko, NT, Jr.; Steve Hoffmann, MG, Soph. (RS/back); Dave Janoski, FL, Soph.; David Killpatrick, S (will move to LB), Sr.; Lawyer Milloy, FS, Soph.; Richard Thomas, FB, Jr.; Cedric White, DT, Soph. Top newcomers: Jason Chorak, DE, Fr. (RS); Fred Coleman, FL, Fr. (RS); Matt Hicks, OT, Jr. (JC); Greg Quesada, WR, Jr. (JC). Schedule: At Southern California, Sept. 3; Ohio State, Sept. 10; at Miami (Fla.), Sept. 24; UCLA, Oct. 1; San Jose State, Oct. 8; Arizona State, Oct. 15; at Oregon, Oct. 22; Oregon State, Oct. 29; at Stanford, Nov. 5; California, Nov. 12; at Washington State, Nov. 19. Last league title won: 1992. Site: Seattle.

## CALIFORNIA

**Offensive strengths:** Quarterback Dave Barr has a strong arm, great touch and the ability to throw on the move. He's also operating one of the best-designed offenses in the country.

**Offensive weaknesses:** The Bears simply do not have any future high-round draft choices to replace linemen Todd Steussie and Eric Mahlum, who are now in the NFL. Brian Thure and Frank Beede provide a nucleus, but there will be a steep learning curve early.

**Defensive strengths:** Jerrott Willard is one of the most complete inside linebackers in college football. He can go sideline-to-sideline as well as offensive backfield-to-secondary. True sophomore Regan Upshaw is this league's next great defensive lineman.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The Bears were singled for a league-high 20 touchdown passes last season, and their overall depth is so thin that they cannot afford injuries.

**Special teams:** California outperformed its opponents in every phase of the kicking game last season, but place-kicker Doug Brien (56 field goals in the last three years) is in the NFL. That leaves sophomore Ryan Longwell, who averaged 40.6 yards per punt last season, to perform both duties. Matt Clizbe's 9.2-yard average on punt returns was the team's best in more than a decade.

**Key to success:** A healthy Barr. The Bears

can be golden with him at quarterback . . . and leaden without him, as they were last year. His shoulder injury coincided with Cal's four-game losing streak.

**Outlook:** This program has experienced more ups and downs in the last three seasons than any in the Pac-10. Cal finished with four victories in a row and nine overall in 1993, and a relatively soft schedule early this year could allow for a momentum-building start. The Bears are shooting for their fourth bowl game in five seasons.

**Coach Keith Gilbertson says:** "I guess somebody who doesn't know could say that we don't have many starters back and that we'll be in a rebuilding mode, but that's inaccurate."

**GOLDEN BEARS DATA** Coach: Keith Gilbertson (13-11, 2 years; 41-20 overall, 5 years). 1993 record: 9-4 (beat Iowa in Alamo Bowl). Pac-10: 4-4/T4th. Key losses: Bill Ayer, DT; Todd Blackwell, OG; Issac Booth, CB; Doug Brien, K; Mike Caldwell, WR; Chris Carpenter, TE; Lindsey Chapman, RB; Michael Davis, LB; Stafford Evans, DT; Marty Holly, FB; Eric Mahlum, C; Damien Semien, WR; Todd Steussie, OT; Eric Zornit, FS. Starters returning: Offense (3): Dave Barr, QB, 6-4/205, Sr.; Frank Beede, G, 6-5/290, Jr.; Brian Thure, T, 6-5/300, Sr. Defense (6): Duane Clemons, E, 6-6/235, Jr.; Artis Houston, CB, 5-8/180, Sr.; Paul Joiner, LB, 6-2/230, Sr.; Ricky Spears, SS, 6-1/200, Sr.; Regan Upshaw, E, 6-4/240, Soph.; Jerrott Willard, LB, 6-2/230, Sr. Kickers (1): Ryan Longwell, P, 6-0/180, Soph. Other key returnees: Matt Clizbe, FS/KR, Sr.; Ben Lynch, C/OG, Jr.; Richard Richardson, CB, Jr. (RS/hamstring); Reynard Rutherford, TB, Jr.; James Stallworth, LB, Jr.; Johnny Tavake, FB, Soph.; Iheanyi Uwaezuoke, WR, Jr. Top newcomers: Derek Barton, OT, Jr. (JC); Tony Gonzalez, TE, Fr.; Andre Rhodes, LB, Fr. (RS); Bobby Shaw, WR/DB, Fr. (RS); Kirsten Sheridan, OT, Fr. (RS); Brandon Willis, RB/KR, Fr. Schedule: At San Diego State, Sept. 10; Hawaii, Sept. 17; Arizona State, Sept. 24; San Jose State, Oct. 1; UCLA, Oct. 8; at Oregon, Oct. 15; at Southern California, Oct. 22; Washington State, Oct. 29; at Arizona, Nov. 5; at Washington, Nov. 12; Stanford, Nov. 19. Last league title won: 1975. Site: Berkeley, Calif.

## ARIZONA STATE

**Offensive strengths:** Considering how well Jake Plummer handled the rigors of starting at quarterback as a true freshman last season, he could become one of the best in the country by the time his career is over. He'll benefit from a new emphasis on a ball-control passing attack.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Losing tailback Mario Bates to the NFL a year early is a setback from which the Sun Devils might not recover. His replacement, Chris Hopkins, was a big-time recruit three years ago, but he has produced little since and might have to fend off challenges from true freshmen.

**Defensive strengths:** Cornerback Craig Newsome routinely will be avoided by opposing passers aware of his considerable skills. Bryan Proby has shown signs of becoming a star at tackle. Justin Drago, who missed 10 games last year after tearing his anterior cruciate ligament, may regain a starting job at linebacker.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The loss of Arizona State's best linebacker, Brian Easter, to a season-long suspension prunes an already-thin front seven. With Shante Carver also gone, the Sun Devils are going to have to find somebody else (redshirt freshman Malchi Crawford?) to get after the quarterback.

**Special teams:** Jon Baker (18 field goals) and Lance Anderson (39.3-yard punting average) emerged last year to form a surprisingly good kicking tandem. Clyde McCoy (11.3-yard average) is the Pac-10's best punt returner.



**Key to success:** Good health. It's a must for any team, but especially one as thin as this one is.

**Outlook:** There are lots of questions, not only for this team, but for the program. Arizona State was the subject of an apparently minor infractions case last spring, but with a new contract extension through the 1988 season, Bruce Snyder will be the guy having to come up with the answers. The Sun Devils' three non-conference opponents all played in bowls last year. As a result, they might need some breaks just to continue on the 6-5 treadmill they've lived on in the last three seasons.

**Coach Bruce Snyder says:** "The system is in place. During my first three years at California, we finished 3-6-2, 5-5-1 and 4-7 . . . it took us three years to win 12 games. At (Arizona State), it took us just two (6-5, 6-5). We're on the right path."

**SUN DEVILS DATA** Coach: Bruce Snyder (12-10, 2 years; 80-71-5 overall, 14 years).

**1993 record:** 6-5. Pac-10: 4-4/T4th.

**Key losses:** Mario Bates, TB (declared for NFL draft); Larry Boyd, LB; Mark Brown, LB; Shante Carver, DE; Lenny McGill, CB; Toby Mills, C; Taco Toggia, OG; Chuck Underwood, OG.

**Starters returning:** Offense (7): Steve Bush, TE, 6-3/257, Jr.; Parnell Charles, FB, 6-1/230, Sr.; Jeff Kysar, T, 6-7/320, Sr.; Clyde McCoy, WR, 6-1/167, Sr.; Jake Plummer, QB, 6-2/189, Soph.; Johnny Thomas, WR, 5-11/174, Sr.; DeMario Vaughn, T, 6-5/283, Sr. Defense (8): Brent Burnstein, E, 6-8/237, Soph.; Eddie Cade, FS, 6-1/192, Sr.; Brian Easter, LB, 6-1/255, Sr.; Dan Lucas, LB, 6-2/235, Sr.; Craig Newsome, CB, 6-0/175, Sr.; Bryan Proby, T, 6-5/273, Sr.; Kendall Rhyne, S, 6-3/229, Sr.; Ken Talanoa, E, 6-4/267, Sr. Kickers (2): Lance Anderson, P, 6-1/219, Soph.; Jon Baker, K, 6-1/170, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Justin Drago, LB, Sr. (RS/knee); Chris Hopkins, TB, Jr.; Jason Kyle, LB, Sr.; Jason McCorvey, WR, Soph.; Matt Nelson, TE, Sr.; Harden Rashada, LB, Jr.; Troy Rauer, WR, Jr. (RS/shoulder); Joe Robertson, WR, Fr. (RS/shoulder); Juan Roque, OG, Soph.; Sam Santana, LB, Jr.; Marcus Soward, CB, Jr.; Shawn Swayda, LB, Soph.; Pat Thompson, OG, Soph. (RS/knee).

**Top newcomers:** Lee Cole, LB, Jr. (JC); Malchi Crawford, DT, Fr. (RS); Anthony Davis, CB, (JC); Marlon Farlow, TB, Fr.; Mitchell Freedman, FS, Soph. (Prop 48); Kyle Murphy, C, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** Oregon State, Sept. 3; Miami (Fla.), Sept. 10; Louisville, Sept. 17; at California, Sept. 24; Stanford, Oct. 8; Washington, Oct. 15; Washington State, Oct. 22; atigham Young, Oct. 29; at Oregon, Nov. 5; UCLA, Nov. 12; at Arizona, Nov. 25.

**Last league title won:** 1986.

**Site:** Tempe, Ariz.

## STANFORD

**Offensive strengths:** Fourth-year starter Steve Stenstrom is on track to break the John Elway passing records he hasn't already broken. Stenstrom has a comprehensive cast of receivers to work with, too, led by the well-rounded Justin Armour (51 catches in 1993), the sure-handed Tony Cline and the speedy Brian Manning.

**Offensive weaknesses:** The line is fairly experienced but remains suspect and there is no proven running back. Stanford's backfield could turn into the "Stenstrom Scrambling Show" by midseason.

**Defensive strengths:** There's a lot of experience, led by senior linebacker Coy Gibbs. The overall speed should be improved, too, if only because the six true sophomores with starting experience should be able to play more instinctively with a year under their belts.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Nine starters return, but is that a positive? The only thing most of these guys have experienced is one of the worst defensive seasons in Pac-10 history in 1993: 465 yards and 35.4 points allowed per game.

**Special teams:** Senior Aaron Mills led the

league with a 42.6-yard average, and only half of his punts were returned. Place-kicker Eric Abrams, who struggled at times (11 field goals in 18 attempts), will be counted on to regain his freshman-season form (16-for-20 in 1992). Mike Mitchell is only a sophomore, but he already has returned 25 kickoffs for a solid 23.2-yard average.

**Key to success:** It's obvious: better defense. If Mitchell or converted fullback Ethan Allen can become a legitimate running threat, the Cardinal can play a little ball control and take the pressure off Stenstrom and the defense at the same time.

**Outlook:** Despite a difficult schedule, Stanford could win six or seven games and earn a bowl invitation with merely an average defense. The offense is that good. The problem is that by the time the youthful defense becomes a force, Stenstrom will be in the NFL and Coach Bill Walsh will be remaking the offensive lineup.

**Coach Bill Walsh says:** "I think we'll turn the corner pretty quickly. We're fielding a team that, even though it is grounded in the sophomore class, has a lot of experience against the best competition in the country."

**CARDINAL DATA** Coach: Bill Walsh (31-17, 4 years). 1993 record: 4-7. Pac-10: 2-6/T7th.

**Key losses:** Vaughn Bryant, CB; Steve Hoyem, OT; Toby Norwood, LB; Tyrone Parker, DE; Ellery Roberts, RB.

**Starters returning:** Offense (9): Elihan Allen, FB, 6-1/205, Sr.; Justin Armour, WR, 6-6/215, Sr.; Jeff Buckley, T (moved from G), 6-5/280, Jr.; Tony Cline, TE, 6-5/240, Sr.; Seth Dittman, T, 6-7/270, Sr.; T.J. Gaynor, C, 6-5/275, Jr.; Mike Jerich, G, 6-6/280, Sr.; David Shaw, FL, 6-1/185, Sr.; Steve Stenstrom, QB, 6-3/205, Sr. Defense (9): Brian Batson, LB, 6-4/215, Soph.; David Carder, E, 6-5/270, Jr.; Jason Fisk, NT, 6-4/280, Jr.; Kevin Garnett, FS, 5-11/190, Sr.; Coy Gibbs, LB, 6-0/220, Sr.; Eliel Swinton, CB, 5-11/190, Soph.; David Walker, SS, 5-10/190, Jr.; Nick Watts, LB, 6-4/205, Soph.; Jason White, LB, 6-3/235, Jr. Kickers (2): Eric Abrams, K, 5-7/160, Jr.; Aaron Mills, P, 6-0/175, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Greg Comella, FB, Soph.; Kwame Ellis, CB, Jr.; Ken Loncar, OT, Soph.; Brian Manning, FL, Soph.; Mike Mitchell, RB, Soph.; Justin Strand, LB, Soph.; Pete Swanson, DE, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Jeff Allen, WR/DB, Fr.; Anthony Bookman, RB, Fr.; Chris Draft, RB/LB, Fr.; Damon Dunn, WR, Fr.; Kadar Hamilton, DB, Fr.; Jon Haskins, LB, Fr.; Corey Hill, RB/DB, Fr.; Matt Smith, LB, Fr.; Kalle Wong, LB, Fr.

**Schedule:** at Northwestern, Sept. 10; San Jose State, Sept. 17; Arizona, Sept. 24; at Notre Dame, Oct. 1; at Arizona State, Oct. 8; Southern California, Oct. 15; at Oregon State, Oct. 22; at UCLA, Oct. 29; Washington, Nov. 5; Oregon, Nov. 12; at California, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1992.

**Site:** Stanford, Calif.

## WASHINGTON STATE

**Offensive strengths:** The Cougars could be good and deep at running back with the return of junior Derek Sparks from an injury redshirt season and the maturation of sophomores Kevin Hicks and Will Haskell.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Four players are competing for the starting quarterback job and all are less than inspiring. Someone has to emerge from a group that includes former starter Chad DeGrenier and transfers Chad Davis (Oklahoma) and Derek Chapman (Oklahoma State), but the position will be ripe for controversy all season. Davis had the best spring.

**Defensive strengths:** In the Pac-10, only Arizona had a better defense than Washington State last season, and the Cougars could be even better this year. Tackle Chad Eaton leads a stout line, and end DeWayne Patterson is hoping to surpass his 17 sacks of a year ago. The secondary of Torey Hunter, Singor Mobley, John Rushing and Greg Burns re-

mains intact for the third straight year.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The departure of coordinator Mike Zimmer (to the Dallas Cowboys) at the end of spring practice didn't help, and there's no experience or depth at linebacker.

**Special teams:** Without his son, Aaron, around to do the place-kicking, Coach Mike Price must find a new kicker as well as a new punter. Jay Dumas and Hicks are decent return men.

**Keys to success:** Developing a quarterback rates at the top, but as good as the defense is, it is not very deep. If the Cougars can avoid significant injuries for the third consecutive year, their defense will enable them to stay close in most games.

**Outlook:** When he took over at Washington State in 1989, Price said he wanted to turn his team into a defensive power. Four years later, the Cougars rated among the nation's top 10 defenses. Price probably didn't plan to de-emphasize offense, however, and that has become the weight holding back the Cougars.

**Coach Mike Price says:** "Our strength is defense . . . (but) we need to stay healthy and not lose confidence early on offense."

**COUGARS DATA** Coach: Mike Price (27-29, 6 years; 73-73 overall, 14 years).

**1993 record:** 5-6. Pac-10: 3-5/6th.

**Key losses:** Mike Bailey, OT; Brett Carolan, TE; Shane DeLaCruz, WR; Josh Dunning, OG; T.J. Folkers, LB; Brian Ford, DT; Ray Hall, DE; Steve Johnston, P; Anthony McClanahan, LB; Mike Pattinson, QB; Deron Pointer, WR; Aaron Price, K; Keith Reynolds, WR; Steve Wolfe, C.

**Starters returning:** Offense (3): Kevin Hicks, RB, 5-9/176, Sr.; Marc McCloskey, G, 6-4/284, Jr.; Clay Reis, T, 6-8/290, Sr. Defense (7): Greg Burns, CB, 5-10/170, Sr.; Ron Childs, LB, 6-1/208, Sr.; Chad Eaton, T, 6-5/272, Sr.; Torey Hunter, CB, 5-10/170, Sr.; Singor Mobley, SS, 6-0/182, Sr.; DeWayne Patterson, E, 6-1/257, Sr.; John Rushing, FS, 5-10/200, Sr. Kickers: None.

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Cornerback Torey Hunter is part of a veteran Washington State secondary.



**Other key returnees:** Chad Carpenter, WR, Soph.; James Darling, LB, Soph.; Shawn Deeds, QB, Jr.; Chad DeGrenier, QB, Sr.; Jay Dumas, WR, Jr.; Will Haskell, RB, Soph.; Chris Hayes, LB, Jr.; Todd Jensen, FS, Sr.; Girmar Johnson, SS, Jr.; Albert Kennedy, WR, Sr.; Ron Lewis, OG, Sr.; George Martin, P, Jr.; Eric Moore, TE, Jr.; Scott Sanderson, OT, Soph.; Don Sasa, DE, Jr.; Todd Shaw, DT, Sr.; Derek Sparks, RB, Jr. (RS/shoulder); Tony Truant, K, Jr.

**Top newcomers:** Kearney Adams, WR, Jr. (JC); Derek Chapman, QB, Sr. (transfer/Oklahoma State); Chad Davis, QB, Soph. (transfer/Oklahoma); Larry Evans, WR, Jr. (JC); Jason McEndoo, OL, Fr. (RS); Ken Moore, DB, Fr. (RS); Tim Roth, K/P, Fr. (RS); Dwayne Sanders, DE, Jr. (JC); Shawn Tims, WR, Fr. (RS); Bryant Thomas, WR, Fr. (RS); Jeff Thomas, TE, Jr. (JC); Brian Walker, DB, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** Illinois (at Chicago), Sept. 2; Fresno State, Sept. 10; at UCLA, Sept. 24; at Tennessee, Oct. 1; Oregon, Oct. 8; Arizona, Oct. 15; at Arizona State, Oct. 22; at California, Oct. 29; Southern California, Nov. 5; at Oregon State, Nov. 12; Washington, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1930.

**Site:** Pullman, Wash.

## OREGON

**Offensive strengths:** Quarterback Danny O'Neil is an excellent athlete who can scramble and throw all the passes. Wideout Cristin McLemore (50 receptions, 10 for touchdowns in 1993) cannot be single-covered.

**Offensive weaknesses:** The Ducks have allowed 88 sacks over the last two seasons and managed just 2.5 yards per rush last season. And the 1994 line will have even less experience than its two predecessors.

**Defensive strengths:** The secondary could be very good if Herman O'Berry and Alex Molden finally get completely healthy following major knee surgeries. Jeremy Asher will be a strong Butkus Award candidate in 1995.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The Ducks were unable to stop the run consistently last season, and most of their front seven is new. This defense looks like it could be fast, but it had better be ready to gang-tackle because it's not physical.

**Special teams:** For the first time in five years, the Ducks are going into a season without punter Tommy Thompson's sturdy right leg to rely on. They recruited well, however, and freshmen are expected to prevent a significant drop-off. Ricky Whittle rates with the best kickoff return men in the league (23.3-yard average last season).

**Key to success:** A healthy Whittle. The junior tailback is a major talent when he's healthy, but he has often been slowed or sidelined with injuries.

**Outlook:** O'Neil broke the school passing record last season (3,224 yards) and now must translate the big numbers into big victories. If he and his teammates can gain confidence and show fourth-quarter fortitude (unlike last year, when they blew several late leads), the Ducks could be the Pac-10's surprise team.

**Coach Rich Brooks says:** "We have a lot to prove, even to ourselves. We have to respond better to adversity."

**DUCKS DATA** Coach: Rich Brooks (82-105-4, 17 years). 1993 record: 5-6. Pac-10: 2-6/77th.

**Key losses:** Romeo Bandison, DE; Eric Barnes, OG; Sean Burwell, TB; Tom Curran, C; Derrick Deadwiler, SE; Mike DiFonzo, OG; Ernest Jones, LB; David Massey, LB; Juan Shedrick, FB; Justin Starck, OT; Willy Tate, TE (quit school); John Taumoepeau, LB; Tommy Thompson, K/P; Gary Williams, DE.

**Starters returning:** Offense (3): Steve Hardin, T, 6-7/308, Sr.; Cristin McLemore, FL, 5-11/177, Jr.; Danny O'Neil, QB, 6-2/178, Sr. Defense (6): Jeremy Asher, LB, 6-2/221, Jr.; Chad Cota, SS, 6-1/188, Sr.; Dante Lewis, FS, 6-0/175, Sr.; Sillia Malepeai, NT, 5-11/265, Sr.; Alex Molden, CB, 5-10/180, Jr.; Isaac Walker, CB, 5-11/180, Jr. Kickers: None.

**Other key returnees:** Troy Bailey, DE, Jr.; Mark Gregg, C,

Soph.; Heath Howington, OG, Sr.; Reggie Jordan, LB, Soph.; Poulou Malepeai, FB, Soph.; Herman O'Berry, CB, Sr. (RS/ankle); Eric Reid, OG, Jr.; Mark Slymen, DE, Sr.; Ricky Whittle, TB, Jr.; Paul Wiggins, OT, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Jaiya Figueiras, SS, Fr. (RS); Jawanza Hadley, SE, Fr. (RS); Matt Sailors, LB, Jr. (JC); Jamaal Wallace, SE, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** Hawaii State, Sept. 3; at Hawaii, Sept. 10; Utah, Sept. 17; Iowa State, Sept. 24; at Southern California, Oct. 1; at Washington State, Oct. 8; California, Oct. 15; Washington, Oct. 22; Arizona, Oct. 29; Arizona State, Nov. 5; at Stanford, Nov. 12; at Oregon State, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1957.

**Site:** Eugene, Ore.

## OREGON STATE

**Offensive strengths:** The Beavers' wishbone has gained grudging respect from Pac-10 defenses. Oregon State finished second in Division I-A in rushing yardage, and J.J. Young (955 yards, 7.0 average) has become one of the top backs in the country. The line is one of the most experienced in the league.

**Offensive weaknesses:** The Beavers still have to prove that they can burn a defense with an occasional pass. Their quarterbacks and receivers are, well, wishbone quarterbacks and receivers, which means the quarterbacks can run and the receivers can block. But can they throw and catch? Who knows?

**Defensive strengths:** A secondary that allowed opponents to complete just 51.7 percent of their passes (second in the league) returns intact, led by cornerback William Ephraim.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Although the defense was not run over often last season, there's a lot of inexperience up front. Opponents surely will try to smash the Beavers to see how far they can push them.

**Special teams:** Oregon State didn't punt or kick especially well last season. It didn't cover punts and kick-offs well, either. Coach Jerry Pettibone hopes the arrival of prep All-America punter Bret Hopkins and putting starting players on the coverage squads will help.

**Key to success:** The Beavers must establish some kind of passing attack to complement their running game.

**Outlook:** It could be time for the Beavers to emerge from the Pac-10 cellar for the first time in five years. Their 4-7 record last season included three losses—to UCLA, Washington and Stanford—by a combined total of 14 points.

**Coach Jerry Pettibone says:** "When you get into close games, invariably something happens in the kicking game that has a tremendous influence on who wins the game. That becomes more and more important as we improve."

**BEAVERS DATA** Coach: Jerry Pettibone (6-26-1, 3 years; 39-58-2 overall, 9 years). 1993 record: 4-7. Pac-10: 2-6/77th.

**Key losses:** Adam Albaugh, OT; Herschel Currie, CB; Chad deSully, DE; Dennis Edwards, LB; Alai Kalaniulualu, OG; Brooke Knight, K; Tim Kollas, P; Tony O'Billovich, LB; Chad Paulson, RB; Ray Pennington, TE; Mark Schulz, DE. **Starters returning:** Offense (8): Brad Barcroft, TE, 6-3/238, Jr.; Johnny Feinga, C, 6-1/315, Sr.; John Garrett, T, 6-4/275, Sr.; Starling Latu, G, 6-1/300, Sr.; Rahim Muhammad, QB, 5-9/181, Soph.; Mark Olford, RB, 5-8/186, Sr.; J.J. Young, RB, 5-10/192, Sr.; John Young, FB, 6-0/215, Sr. Defense (8): Buster Elahee, CB, 6-0/164, Soph.; William Ephraim, CB, 5-10/162, Sr.; Michael Hale, SS, 5-11/194, Sr.; Tom Holmes, T, 6-1/280, Jr.; Cory Huot, LB, 6-3/238, Sr.; Rico Petrini, LB, 6-1/224, Sr.; Kane Rogers, LB, 6-0/220, Jr.; Reggie Tongue, FS, 6-0/200, Jr. Kickers: None.

**Other key returnees:** Tim Camp, OT, Jr.; Chris Cross, WR, Jr.; Packy Ena, DE, Sr.; Eric Hale, LB, Sr.; David Kiepe, DE, Jr.; Bryan Ludwick, LB, Soph. (RS/concussion); Cameron Reynolds, RB, Jr.; Clint Rust, DE, Jr.; Don Shanklin, QB, Soph. (RS/foot); J.D. Stewart, FB, Jr.; Sedrick Thomas, FB, Jr.; Brad Thompson, OG, Soph.; Marc Williams, CB, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Robert Gilmore, LB, Jr. (JC); Damon Hendrick, DE, Fr. (RS); Bret Hopkins, P, Fr.; Randy Lund, K, Fr. (RS); Justin Moore, TE, Jr. (RS/JC); Raoul Morgan, FB, Fr. (RS); Anthony Murray, LB, Fr. (RS); Datanyen Myers, DT, Jr. (RS/JC).

**Schedule:** At Arizona State, Sept. 3; Wyoming, Sept. 10; at Fresno State, Sept. 17; at Arizona, Oct. 1; Southern California, Oct. 8; at UCLA, Oct. 15; Stanford, Oct. 22; at Washington, Oct. 29; Pacific, Nov. 5; Washington State, Nov. 12; Oregon, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1964.

**Site:** Corvallis, Ore. ♦



Oregon quarterback Danny O'Neil is an excellent athlete who can scramble and throw all the passes.



# SCOUTING THE PACIFIC-10

**Ascending:** California. The Bears appeared to be going in the wrong direction at midseason last year, having lost four consecutive games and 10 of 16 dating to mid-1992. Yet, the cohesiveness of the program shone through when Cal bounced back to win its last four games. Coach Keith Gilbertson has shown he can recruit, too. He has solid freshmen and redshirt freshmen waiting in the wings.

**Descending:** Oregon. After spending the late-1980s on the cusp of something big, the Ducks seem to have lost their momentum. Losing two out of their last three games against Oregon State indicates things aren't exactly blossoming in Eugene.

**Nightmare schedule:** Washington. The Huskies open the season with four perennial powers in Southern California, Ohio State, Miami (Fla.) and UCLA. After that, Coach Jim Lambright will have to find bulletin-board material to keep his players focused from week to week.

**Dream schedule:** Arizona. Georgia Tech is worthy enough for the Wildcats to feel good about themselves with a season-opening victory over the Yellow Jackets. Then the Wildcats get to tune up by drilling New Mexico State, Stanford, Oregon State, Colorado State and Washington State. They'll be 6-0, ranked in the top three nationally and just hitting their stride when the tougher second half of the season begins.

**Best matchup of the year:** Southern Cal at UCLA, November 19. This is an important game every season, but it's amazing just how exciting it has been lately. The last five games between these teams have been decided by a total of 13 points.

**Worst matchup of the year:** Portland State at Oregon, September 3. Since the Ducks' 1994 game against Hawaii was moved from Eugene to Honolulu, Oregon gained the right to schedule a 12th regular-season game. The Ducks invited Portland State, thus becoming the first Pac-10 team in eons to play a Division II opponent.

**Shocker of the year:** Oregon State over UCLA on October 15 in Pasadena. The Beavers beat the Bruins in 1989 and lost by just three points last year when an Oregon State field-goal attempt was ruled no good (Beaver backers still insist it was just fine).

**Bowl bound:** Arizona could be sewing rose patches onto its shoulder pads in mid-December, while USC, UCLA and Califor-

nia appear to be the likely recipients of the league's three other automatic bids (coalition, Freedom and Alamo).

**Biggest shoes to fill:** UCLA outside linebacker Jamir Miller's. With him in the lineup the last two seasons, the Bruins were 14-3. Without him, they were 0-6. Junior Donnie Edwards is being counted on to provide

some of the big plays that Miller made.

**Most underrated player:** Arizona State cornerback Craig Newsome. He's probably the best cornerback in the nation's best conference for cornerbacks. Yet, nobody knows who he is except opposing quarterbacks, wideouts and offensive coordinators. . . . and now you.

## Impact newcomers:

Fred Coleman, WR, Washington, Fr. (RS); Tony Gonzalez, TE, California, Fr.; Errick Herrin, LB, USC, Jr. (RS/JC); Israel Ifeanyi, LB, USC, Jr. (RS/JC); Anthony Jones, LB, UCLA, Soph. (transfer/Notre Dame); Dwayne Sanders,

DE, Washington State, Jr. (JC); Kailee Wong, LB, Stanford, Fr.

**Coach of the year:** Arizona's Dick Tomey. Again. This time, however, he's coaching the league's team to beat, not just a contender.

**Coach on the hot seat:** Oregon's Rich Brooks. As athletic director/football coach (a job-title rarity in Division I-A), he is now forced to live up to his own expectations—which are higher than when he worked for an AD. Moreover, Brooks is increasingly hearing whispers that he shouldn't be doing both jobs.

**Best bets:** For the sixth straight year, USC's third-string tailback at the beginning of the season will become the starter by the last game. . . . Three Pac-10 quarterbacks will complete 70 percent of their passes. The question is, which ones? . . . Oregon cornerbacks Alex Molden and Herman O'Berry both will return interceptions for touchdowns. . . . Cal will have a 1,000-yard rusher for the sixth time in five seasons.

**Odds and ends:** The Arizona-Arizona State game has again been moved back (to November 25, a week after the rest of the Pac-10 schedule concludes) to accommodate ABC-TV. It could have Rose Bowl ramifications. . . . For the first time in its history, USC has lost to both UCLA and Notre Dame three years in a row. . . . Washington tailback Napoleon Kaufman is the only returning player who was voted All-Pac-10 in each of the last two seasons. . . . Arizona State and Oregon State are the only Pac-10 teams not to have played in at least one bowl game in the last two seasons. Arizona, USC and Cal, on the other hand, have played in back-to-back bowls. No team has played in more than two in a row. . . . The biggest Pac-10 game that won't be played in 1994? Washington vs. Arizona, for the second straight year. . . . Only six times in 78 years of league play have teams won the league title with two losses. It has happened in each of the last two seasons. . . . The Pac-10's .706 winning percentage (24-10) against Division I-A non-conference opponents ranked second in the country behind only the Southeastern Conference (28-9-1, .750) last season. ♦

—DON BORST

## HONOR ROLL

Best offensive line: Arizona	Best secondary: Arizona
Best offensive backfield: California	Best-hitting defensive back: Lawyer Milloy, Washington
Best backup quarterback: Kyle Wacholtz, Southern California	Best kicking game: UCLA
Best wide receivers: UCLA	Best kick-coverage units: Washington
Best clutch receiver: J.J. Stokes, UCLA	Best coaching staff: California
Best defensive line: Arizona	Best coach: John Robinson, Southern California
Best-hitting defensive lineman: Tedy Bruschi, Arizona	Best Heisman candidate: J.J. Stokes, WR, UCLA
Best linebackers: California	Best pro prospect: J.J. Stokes, WR, UCLA
Best-hitting linebacker: Sean Harris, Arizona	

## RETURNING LEADERS

Rushing: Napoleon Kaufman, Washington, 118.1 yds./game (226 att., 1,299 yds., 14 TDs, 5.7 avg.).
Passing efficiency: Dave Barr, California, 164.5 rating pts. (275 att., 187 comp., 2,619 yds., 21 TDs).
Total offense: Steve Stenstrom, Stanford, 308.9 yds./game (-229 yds. rushing, 3,627 yds. passing, 3,398 total yds.).
Receiving: J.J. Stokes, UCLA, 6.2 rec./game (68 rec., 1,005 yds., 17 TDs, 14.8 avg.).
Scoring: J.J. Stokes, UCLA, 9.3 pts./game (17 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 102 pts.).
Punting: Aaron Mills, Stanford, 42.2 avg. (63 punts, 2,660 yds.).
Punt returns: Clyde McCoy, Arizona State, 11.3 avg. (23 att., 259 yds., 0 TDs).
Kickoff returns: Napoleon Kaufman, Washington, 25.9 avg. (15 att., 388 yds., 0 TDs).
Field goals: Bjorn Merten, UCLA, 1.8 FGs/game (20/25 FGs, 80%).
Interceptions: Tony Bouie, Arizona, .55 int./game (6 int., 100 yds., 0 TDs).



Tony Boselli and USC are likely to be bowl bound in 1994.



Kevin Reece  
California's Dave Barr is operating one of the best-designed offenses in the country.



# Florida may be good enough to win national title

By CHARLES HOLLIS

Birmingham News

**P**aul (Bear) Bryant used to have a theory about Florida football.

"As long as you've got all that sunshine and those beaches and all those pretty little things running around in their sun tans, you're going to have a hard time making football the most important thing in a young man's life," the Alabama coaching legend once said.

In other words, Florida can recruit and win but can't get to the next level.

Know what? For almost six decades, dating back to the Southeastern Conference's inaugural 1933 campaign, Bryant was right. The Florida Gators were thwarted in their conference championship ambitions. (The Gators had to relinquish their 1984 SEC title because of NCAA infractions.)

But all of that changed when one of Florida's own, the right-confident Steve Spurrier (Florida class of '67), arrived in 1990 and changed the course of Gator football.

His 1991 and '93 squads won conference titles, and last season he became the first Florida coach to guide the Gators to a Sugar Bowl victory.

Want more?

The '93 team went 11-2, the school's first-ever 11-victory season.

Spurrier is the first coach in Florida annals to lead the Gators to three consecutive Top 10 rankings in the final Associated Press poll ('91-'93).

His teams won a combined 30 games from 1991-'93, the best three-year total in Florida history.

Now that Florida has established itself as a power in the SEC under Spurrier, the Gators are ready to challenge for a national championship. And the 1994 edition may be good enough to win one.

Forget the numbers—six starters back on offense and eight on defense. Forget the fact that senior quarterback Terry Dean started six games last season and sophomore signal-caller Danny Wuerffel seven, the stuff of which controversies are made. What's important is depth, defensive speed and Spurrier recognizing the problem areas.

Last season, Florida's games often resembled a playground basketball contest—you score, I score, you score, I score. Spurrier hopes that will end in 1994 now that he's hired a new defensive coordinator, Bobby Pruett, who has installed a base 4-3-4 alignment that employs four defensive backs instead of three, which the Gators had used for years in their 4-4-3 set.

"Overall, we have more speed on defense this year and the players are excited about our new defensive scheme," Spurrier said. "It puts them in position to make the plays and utilize all their skills."

Perhaps the most-skilled area of the defense is the line, which features ends Kevin Carter, Mark Campbell and Johnnie Church and tackles Ellis Johnson and Henry McMillian.

"We have a chance to be a great defensive team," Carter said. "That's our mission going into the season."

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#### SEC CHAMPION

### FLORIDA

If anyone can handle Florida in the SEC's Eastern Division, it's Tennessee, which plays the Gators in Knoxville, Tenn., on September 17. But with quarterback Heath Shuler gone, it's unlikely the Volunteers can overtake the Gators.

However, there are two Western Division teams that could pose threats to Florida: Alabama and Auburn. Alabama is the odds-on favorite to win the West and face Florida in the December 3 SEC championship game in Atlanta, and Auburn will be a force because it went 11-0 in '93 and 10 defensive starters return. Florida and Auburn square off October 15 in Gainesville, Fla.



Cornerback Larry Kennedy is one of eight returning starters on Florida's defense

## EASTERN DIVISION I

### FLORIDA

**Offensive strengths:** If it's a case of what's up front that counts, the Gators could be dominant. Starting with standout tackles Jason Odom and Reggie Green, the line is deep and ranks as one of the best in the nation. All-America running back Errict Rhett is gone, but Florida will counter with Elijah Williams, Tony Davis, Tyrone Baker and Terrence Foy. Jack Jackson is a fine receiver.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Senior Terry Dean emerged from spring drills the No. 1 quarterback. Lurking in the shadows is sophomore Danny Wuerffel, who started seven games in 1993. If Dean struggles early, Steve Spurrier likely will play Captain Hook, and that could spell trouble. The receiving corps has several unproven commodities.

**Defensive strengths:** Eight starters return from a unit that wasn't too consistent last season. But that will change this year with a new scheme, new coordinator, experience at virtually every position and perhaps more speed than any Florida defense has possessed during Spurrier's reign.

**Defensive weaknesses:** With three starters back, the secondary should be improved. But the question remains: Can it stop the big play? It couldn't last season, when it allowed an SEC-high 225.4 passing yards per game and 17 TD passes, the second most in the league. Also, depth at linebacker is a concern.

**Special teams:** No problems here. Judd Davis, the 1993 Lou Groza Award winner as the nation's top place-kicker, is back after hitting on 15 of 19 field-goal attempts last year. Shayne Edge has been one of the nation's best punters the last three seasons. Jackson will spark the return teams.

**Key to success:** The emergence of a true No. 1 quarterback. If Florida plays musical chairs with the quarterback position, it could have problems.

**Outlook:** There is no reason to believe the Gators can't again win 11 games. But this team, with all of its depth and speed, may exceed that total.

**Coach Steve Spurrier says:** "We have a chance to be an outstanding team. We need young players to come through at wide receiver and running back, and our defense needs to continue to improve like it did in the spring."

**GATORS DATA** Coach: Steve Spurrier (39-10, 4 years; 59-23-1, overall, 7 years).

**1993 record:** 11-2 (beat West Virginia in Sugar Bowl). SEC East: 7-1/1st.

**Key losses:** Gantt Crouch, C; Charlie Dean, TE; William Gaines, DT; Monty Grow, LB; Harrison Houston, WR; Willie Jackson, WR; Kelvin Randolph, FB; Errict Rhett, RB; Ed Robinson, LB; Jim Watson, OG.

**Starters returning:** Offense (6): Terry Dean, QB, 6-2/207, Sr.; Dean Golden, G, 6-6/283, Sr.; Reggie Green, T, 6-6/298, Jr.; Jack Jackson, WR, 5-9/171, Jr.; Jason Odom, T, 6-5/297, Jr.; Danny Wuerffel, QB, 6-2/206, Soph. Defense (8): Mark Campbell, E, 6-3/287, Jr.; Kevin Carter, E, 6-6/265, Sr.; Dexter Daniels, LB, 6-2/240, Jr.; Michael Gilmore, FS, 5-11/180, Sr.; Ben Hanks, LB, 6-2/224, Jr.; Ellis Johnson, T, 6-3/283, Sr.; Larry Kennedy, CB, 5-10/186, Sr.; Anthony Lott, CB, 5-9/189, Soph. Kickers (2): Judd Davis, K, 6-1/185, Sr.; Shayne Edge, P, 5-11/174, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** David Barnard, DT, Jr.; James Bates, LB, Soph.; Chris Bilkie, FB, Sr.; Johnnie Church, DE, Jr.; Cameron Davis, DE, Soph.; Tony Davis, RB, Jr. (status uncertain).



tain; suspended in off-season); Chris Doering, WR, Jr.; Terrence Foy, RB, Soph.; Darren Hambrick, LB, Soph.; Aubrey Hill, WR, Sr.; Anthony Ingrassia, C/OT, Sr.; Eddie Lake, CB, Sr.; Sam McCorkle, DB, Jr.; Henry McMillian, DT, Sr.; Jeff Mitchell, OG, Soph.; Dwayne Mobley, RB, Soph.; Shawn Nunn, TE, Soph.; Sorola Palmer, WR, Jr.; Matt Pearson, LB, Jr.; Shea Showers, CB, Soph.; David Swain, C, Sr.; Lawrence Wright, FS, Soph.; Donnie Young, OG, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Tyrone Baker, RB, Fr. (RS); Ronnie Battle, WR, Fr.; Mike Harris, SS, Fr. (RS); Pat Lowe, LB, Fr. (RS); Xavier McCray, SS, Fr. (RS); Thomas Miller, CB, Fr. (RS); Willie Rodgers, LB, Fr. (RS); Taras Ross, TE, Fr. (RS); Fred Taylor, RB, Fr.; Dwayne Thomas, LB, Fr. (RS); Kenny Times, LB, Fr. (RS); Kevin Walton, LB, Fr. (RS); Elijah Williams, RB, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** New Mexico State, Sept. 3; Kentucky, Sept. 10; at Tennessee, Sept. 17; at Mississippi, Oct. 1; Louisiana State, Oct. 8; Auburn, Oct. 15; Georgia, Oct. 29; Southern Mississippi, Nov. 5; South Carolina, Nov. 12; at Vanderbilt, Nov. 19; at Florida State, Nov. 26.

**Last league title won:** 1993.

**Site:** Gainesville, Fla.

## TENNESSEE

**Offensive strengths:** Star guard Jeff Smith headlines what may be the best line in the nation. A stable of fine running backs, including Mose Phillips, Aaron Hayden, James Stewart and Jay Graham, should benefit from the fine line. For the second straight year, the Volunteers have to rebuild their receiving corps. But they're used to that, and Billy Williams is a good guy to build around.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Senior quarterback Jerry Colquitt steps in for Heisman Trophy runner-up Heath Shuler. Colquitt had a good spring game, but football/baseball player Todd Helton looms in the background. Neither comes close to matching Shuler's talent. But freshmen Peyton Manning and Brandon Stewart might.

**Defensive strengths:** The Vols possess beaucoup linebackers, including Ben Talley, who paced the team with 87 tackles last year. DeRon Jenkins, an Antonio Langham-caliber cornerback, leads an experienced secondary.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Most of the so-called experts thought Tennessee's 1993 defense was going to be below average. It wasn't, thanks to a front four that elevated its game. But now all four must be replaced.

**Special teams:** This area is a real strength. Tom Hutton returns at punter and John Becksvort, who made several All-America teams last year after making 12 field goals in 13 attempts, is back at place-kicker. Return men Williams and Shawn Summers, who led the SEC in punt returns last season, are excellent.

**Keys to success:** Finding a defensive front is critical. But finding someone to take over for Shuler, whether it's Colquitt, Helton or one of the freshmen, is the most pressing need for an offense that has a chance to be terrific.

**Outlook:** If Florida wasn't in Tennessee's division, the Vols would be playing in the SEC championship game. Regardless, this could be an outstanding team—if a quarterback emerges.

**Coach Phillip Fulmer says:** "None of us really know until the quarterback (Colquitt) is in front of a lot of people on national TV just how he'll handle it. I think he'll handle it fine."

**VOLUNTEERS DATA** Coach: Phillip Fulmer (13-2-1, 2 years).

**1993 record:** 9-2-1 (lost to Penn State in Citrus Bowl). SEC East: 6-1-1/2nd.

**Key losses:** Shane Bonham, DT; Victor Brown, SS; Craig Faulkner, WR; Cory Fleming, WR; Charlie Garner, TB; Reggie Ingram, LB; Horace Morris, DE; Heath Shuler (declared for NFL draft); James Wilson, DE; Paul Yatkowski, DT.

**Starters returning: Offense (7):** David Horn, TE, 6-4/248, Jr.; Jason Layman, T, 6-5/287, Jr.; Kevin Mays, G, 6-4/284, Sr.; Bubba Miller, C, 6-1/285, Jr.; Mose Phillips, RB, 6-0/221, Sr.; Leslie Ratliffe, T, 6-7/302, Jr.; Jeff Smith, G, 6-3/310, Jr.

**Defense (5):** Ronald Davis, CB, 5-11/197, Sr.; Scott Galyon, LB, 6-2/232, Jr.; DeRon Jenkins, CB, 5-11/167, Jr.; Jason Parker, FS, 6-0/192, Jr.; Ben Talley, LB, 6-3/239, Sr. **Kickers (2):** John Becksvort, K, 6-1/177, Sr.; Tom Hutton, P, 6-1/195, Sr. **Other key returnees:** Raymond Austin, SS, Soph.; Shane Begnaud, FS, Soph.; Shane Burton, DE, Jr.; Jerry Colquitt, QB, Sr.; Jay Graham, RB, Soph.; Aaron Hayden, RB, Sr.; Todd Helton, QB, Jr.; Nick Jester, LB, Jr.; Kendrick Jones, WR/DB, Sr.; Joey Kent, WR, Soph.; George Kidd, LB, Jr.; Trey Peterson, OG, Jr.; Jesse Sanders, LB, Jr.; Benjie Shuler, WR, Soph.; Nilo Silvan, WR, Jr.; Shawn Summers, CB, Jr.; James Stewart, RB, Sr.; Billy Williams, WR, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Billy Beron, DT, Fr. (RS); Peyton Manning, QB, Fr.; Marcus Nash, WR, Fr.; Ronnie Pillow, RB, Fr. (RS); Jarvis Reado, OL, Fr.; James Smith, DB, Jr. (JC); Maurice Staley, WR, Fr.; Brandon Stewart, QB, Fr.; Trey Teague, DT, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** UCLA, Sept. 3; at Georgia, Sept. 10; at Florida, Sept. 17; at Mississippi State, Sept. 24; Washington State, Oct. 1; Arkansas, Oct. 8; Alabama, Oct. 15; at South Carolina, Oct. 29; Memphis, Nov. 12; Kentucky, Nov. 19; at Vanderbilt, Nov. 26. **Last league title won:** 1990.

**Site:** Knoxville, Tenn.

## KENTUCKY

**Offensive strengths:** Will quarterback Pookie Jones return to start for a fourth year, or will he sign a professional baseball contract? If he does the former, this could be an explosive team. The line, paced by tackle Mark Askin, and the backfield, led by rising star running back Moe Williams, rank among the league's best. Keep an eye on running back Daymon Carter, who broke all of O.J. Simpson's records at City College of San Francisco.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Kentucky needs a center to solidify what should be an outstanding line. The receiving corps won't win many games for the Wildcats.

**Defensive strengths:** Start with the man who directs the show, coordinator Mike Archer. He improved Kentucky from last in the conference in total defense in 1992 (381.9 yards per game) to seventh in the SEC and 37th nationally in '93 (345.1). The Wildcats boast talent on the line and at linebacker.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Kentucky has a lot of holes to plug—three in the secondary, three at linebacker and three on the line.

**Special teams:** Dan Ariza is a steady punter, but place-kicking is another story. Last year, the Wildcats converted just nine of 18 field-goal tries (none longer than 34 yards). Three players are battling for place-kicking duties. Return men Randy Wyatt and Clyde Rudolph lack big-play skills, but they're adequate.

**Key to success:** The return of Jones. If he's back for his senior season, Kentucky will be fine. If he leaves, the Wildcats will be without a quarterback who has started an SEC contest.

**Outlook:** This should be Bill Curry's best team. There is speed, size and enough experience to make the Wildcats contenders. But winning the close games that goes along with being a contender is another thing. Last year, Kentucky came within a handful of plays of winning the Eastern Division and playing in the SEC title game. Can the Wildcats get over the hump in 1994? Maybe.

**Coach Bill Curry says:** "Of course Kentucky can win in the SEC. But Kentucky can't win the SEC until everybody on the field believes that we are supposed to win."

**WILDCATS DATA** Coach: Bill Curry (17-28, 4 years; 74-81-4 overall, 14 years).

**1993 record:** 6-6 (lost to Clemson in Peach Bowl). SEC East:



COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

Tennessee center Bubba Miller is part of an outstanding offensive line.

4-4/3rd.

**Key losses:** Zane Beehn, DE; Alfonzo Browning, RB; Willie Cannon, CB; Mark Chatmon, WR; Jon Collins, DT; Wes Jackson, C; Marcus Jenkins, SS; Marty Moore, LB; Chris Page, OT; David Parks, OG; Barry Rich, OG; Don Robinson, CB; Terry Samuels, TE; Adrian Sherwood, CB; Duce Williams, LB.

**Starters returning: Offense (6):** Mark Askin, T, 6-5/295, Sr.; Damon Hood, FB, 6-2/230, Sr.; Pookie Jones, QB, 6-1/196, Sr.; Aaron Purdie, T, 6-4/275, Sr.; Moe Williams, RB, 6-2/205, Soph.; Randy Wyatt, SE, 5-10/170, Sr. **Defense (5):** Howard Carter, E, 6-4/245, Sr.; Steven Hall, SS, 6-2/205, Jr.; Melvin Johnson, FS, 5-11/196, Sr.; David Snardon, LB, 6-2/229, Jr.; Robert Stinson, T, 6-4/283, Sr. **Kickers (1):** Dan Ariza, P, 5-9/176, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Andy Britt, OT, Jr.; Robert Harris, DE, Sr. (RS/academics); Van Hiles, CB, Soph.; Barry Jones, OG, Jr.; Donte' Key, LB, Jr.; Matt Neuss, LB, Jr.; Antonio O'Ferral, QB (will move to FS), Jr.; Corey Reeves, TE, Sr.; Clyde Rudolph, FL, Sr.; Roger Sullivan, DT, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Daymon Carter, RB, Jr. (JC); Darrin Clark, TE, Fr. (RS); Eric Gray, QB, Jr. (JC); George Harris, CB, Jr. (JC); Matt Hobbie, QB, Fr. (RS); Adam Kane, C, Soph. (transfer/Notre Dame); Reggie Rusk, SS, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** Louisville, Sept. 3; at Florida, Sept. 10; Indiana, Sept. 17; South Carolina, Sept. 24; at Auburn, Sept. 29; at Louisiana State, Oct. 15; Georgia, Oct. 22; Mississippi State, Oct. 29; Vanderbilt, Nov. 5; Northeast Louisiana, Nov. 12; at Tennessee, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1976.

**Site:** Lexington, Ky.

## GEORGIA

**Offensive strengths:** Check out the big guns—quarterback Eric Zeier and big-play receivers Hason Graham and Brice Hunter, who paced the SEC with 76 receptions last year. They're about as good as it gets. Throw in a line that returns four starters and you have the makings of a contender.

**Offensive weaknesses:** For all of Coach Ray Goff's highly publicized recruiting ef-

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# PRESEASON ALL-SOUTHEASTERN TEAM

## PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

### OFFENSE



ERIC ZEIER  
QB, Georgia

### DEFENSE



ABDUL JACKSON  
LB, Mississippi

## NEWCOMERS OF THE YEAR

OFFENSE: Daymon Carter, RB, Kentucky

DEFENSE: Kavin Walton, LB, Florida

## FIRST TEAM

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	JACK JACKSON, Florida	5-9/171	Jr.
WR	FRANK SANDERS, Auburn	6-2/200	Sr.
TE	DAVID LaFLEUR, Louisiana State	6-6/268	Soph.
T	JASON ODOM, Florida	6-5/297	Jr.
T	REGGIE GREEN, Florida	6-8/298	Jr.
C	BUBBA MILLER, Tennessee	6-1/285	Jr.
G	JEFF SMITH, Tennessee	6-3/310	Jr.
G	WILLIE ANDERSON, Auburn	6-8/320	Soph.
QB	ERIC ZEIER, Georgia	6-2/207	Sr.
RB	BRANDON BENNETT, South Carolina	6-0/205	Sr.
RB	STEPHEN DAVIS, Auburn	6-2/222	Jr.

### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	ELLIS JOHNSON, Florida	6-3/283	Sr.
DL	ELVERETT BROWN, Alabama	6-5/266	Sr.
DL	DAVID TURNIPSEED, South Carolina	6-4/257	Sr.
LB	BEN TALLEY, Tennessee	6-3/239	Sr.
LB	MICHAEL ROGERS, Alabama	6-1/232	Sr.
LB	RANDALL GODFREY, Georgia	6-3/226	Jr.
LB	ABDUL JACKSON, Mississippi	6-1/240	Sr.
DB	TOMMY JOHNSON, Alabama	5-10/180	Sr.
DB	SAM SHADE, Alabama	6-1/190	Sr.
DB	ALUNDIS BRICE, Mississippi	5-11/180	Sr.
DB	FRED SMITH, Auburn	5-9/190	Sr.

### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	JUDD DAVIS, Florida	6-1/185	Sr.
P	TERRY DANIEL, Auburn	6-1/226	Sr.
KR	JACK JACKSON, Florida	5-9/171	Jr.

## SECOND TEAM

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	CURTIS BROWN, Alabama	6-3/189	Jr.
WR	BRICE HUNTER, Georgia	6-0/197	Jr.
TE	BOOMER FOSTER, South Carolina	6-4/240	Sr.
T	MARK ASKIN, Kentucky	6-5/295	Sr.
T	JESSE JAMES, Mississippi State	6-5/310	Sr.
C	JON STEVENSON, Alabama	6-3/275	Sr.
G	JEFF MITCHELL, Florida	6-5/273	Soph.
G	JAMES HOLCOMBE, Mississippi	6-2/287	Sr.
QB	TERRY DEAN, Florida	6-2/207	Sr.
RB	MOE WILLIAMS, Kentucky	6-2/205	Soph.
RB	MICHAEL DAVIS, Mississippi State	6-1/239	Sr.

### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	KEVIN CARTER, Florida	6-6/265	Sr.
DL	MARCUS ADAIR, Arkansas	6-3/221	Jr.
DL	DAMEIAN JEFFRIES, Alabama	6-4/274	Sr.
LB	WAYNE CURRY, Mississippi State	6-3/237	Soph.
LB	GERALD COLLINS, Vanderbilt	6-3/248	Sr.
LB	DEXTER DANIELS, Florida	6-2/240	Jr.
LB	JASON MISKA, Auburn	6-2/202	Jr.
DB	TONY WATKINS, South Carolina	5-11/200	Sr.
DB	LARRY KENNEDY, Florida	5-10/186	Sr.
DB	WALT HARRIS, Mississippi State	6-1/187	Jr.
DB	CALVIN JACKSON, Auburn	5-10/179	Jr.

### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	MICHAEL PROCTOR, Alabama	5-11/183	Jr.
P	BRYNE DIEHL, Alabama	6-3/215	Sr.
KR	EDDIE KENNISON, Louisiana State	6-1/180	Soph.

forts over the last five years, he finds himself without a big-name running back to complement Zeier's passing skills. The Bulldogs will have to rely on senior Terrell Davis and a bunch of true freshmen ballcarriers. Where have you gone, Garrison Hearst, Rodney Hampton and Tim Worley?

**Defensive strengths:** New coordinator Marion Campbell hopes to stabilize a unit that ranked 11th in the SEC in total defense (380.9 yards per game) last season. Randall Godfrey is one of the nation's best inside linebackers and Carlos Yancy, Ralph Thompson and Buster Owens are back in the secondary. **Defensive weaknesses:** If the Bulldogs hope to improve, they have to stop the run. Last year, Georgia allowed an SEC-high 196.5 yards rushing per game.

**Special teams:** This area is solid. Kanon Parkman, who hit on 19 of 27 field-goal attempts last year, is steady, but Brett Pellock is new to the punting business. Chris McCranie is an explosive return man.

**Keys to success:** It would help if the Bulldogs could run the football. It also would help if they were more physical up front, especially on defense. Zeier, who holds 61 school and 11 SEC passing marks, may be the top signal-caller in the country, and the offense is going to score. But stopping opponents could be a problem.

**Outlook:** Even if the defense comes around, the Bulldogs still face a rugged schedule. Georgia must pay visits to Alabama, Florida and Auburn. Throw in trips to South Carolina and Kentucky, and it could be a long season for the Dawgs.

**Coach Ray Goff says:** "We have to concentrate on four things that will be necessary for

us to improve. First, we've got to do a better job of running the football. Second, we have to become more physical up front on both sides of the ball. Third, we need to do a better job of avoiding penalties. And fourth, we need to improve all areas of our defensive play."

**BULLDOGS DATA** Coach: Ray Goff (34-24, 5 years). 1993 record: 5-6. SEC East: 2-6/74th.

**Key losses:** Scot Armstrong, P; Carlo Butler, LB; Charlie Clemmons, LB; Mitch Davis, LB; Earl Fouch, RB; Shannon Mitchell, TE; Charles Pledger, CB (quit/injury); Bill Rosenberg, NG; Greg Tremble, CB; Bernard Williams, OT.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (8):** Terrell Davis, RB, 6-1/211, Sr.; Brice Hunter, FL, 6-0/197, Jr.; Adam Meadows, T, 6-7/261, Soph.; Steve Roberts, G, 6-3/270, Sr.; Troy Stark, G, 6-6/260, Jr.; Jeff Thomas, SE, 6-2/192, Sr.; David Weeks, C, 6-6/263, Jr.; Eric Zeier, QB, 6-2/207, Sr. **Defense (5):** Phillip Daniels, LB, 6-6/245, Jr.; Randall Godfrey, LB, 6-3/226, Jr.; Buster Owens, SS, 6-0/196, Jr.; Matt Storm, T, 6-6/290, Sr.; Ralph Thompson, FS, 6-1/193, Sr. **Kickers (1):** Kanon Parkman, K, 5-11/171, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** Sterling Boyd, RB, Soph.; Derrick Byrd, LB, Soph.; Robert Edwards, CB, Soph.; Hason Graham, SE, Sr.; Maurice Harrell, TE, Sr.; Jerry Jermon, SE, Sr.; Corey Johnson, FS, Soph.; Travis Jones, DT, Sr. (RS/illness); Jeff Kaiser, DT, Jr. (RS/knee); Chris McCranie, CB/KR, Soph.; Will Muschamp, SS, Sr.; Brett Pellock, P, Jr.; Walter Rouse, NG, Soph.; Derrick Smith, LB, Jr.; Damon Ward, LB, Sr. (RS/academics); James Warner, TE, Sr.; Marcus Williams, LB, Soph.; Carlos Yancy, CB, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Larry Bowie, FB, Jr. (JC); Larry Brown, TE, Fr.; Antonio Fleming, OT, Fr. (RS); George Lombard, RB, Fr.; Alundis Sims, SS, Soph. (transfer/Marshall); Travis Stroud, DT, Fr. **Schedule:** at South Carolina, Sept. 3; Tennessee, Sept. 10; Northeast Louisiana, Sept. 17; Mississippi, Sept. 24; at Alabama, Oct. 1; Clemson, Oct. 8; Vanderbilt, Oct. 15; at Kentucky, Oct. 22; at Florida, Oct. 29; at Auburn, Nov. 12; Georgia Tech, Nov. 25.

**Last league title won:** 1982.

**Site:** Athens, Ga.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

**Offensive strengths:** New South Carolina Coach Brad Scott, who previously served as

offensive coordinator at Florida State, has three reasons to be happy—quarterback Steve Taneyhill, running back Brandon Bennett and wide receiver Toby Cates. That's firepower to get into the end zone.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Nine starters are back, but holes must be plugged at tackle and fullback. Additionally, the Gamecocks must become more productive. Last season, they ranked 10th in the SEC and 89th out of 106 Division I-A schools with a 17.1-point average. Assistant head coach John Eason, who spent the previous 12 years as an offensive assistant at Florida State, may help solve South Carolina's problems.



Georgia is relying on Terrell Davis and a bunch of true freshmen at running back.

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**Defensive strengths:** End Stacy Evans, noseguard Eric Sullivan and tackle David Turnipseed anchor what should be a respectable line. Strong safety Tony Watkins, a three-year starter, paced SEC defensive backs with 89 tackles last season.

**Defensive weaknesses:** James Flowers is the lone returning starter at linebacker. New coordinator Wally Burnham, who comes to South Carolina from Florida State, has implemented a 4-3 defense that should accentuate the unit's strengths.

**Special teams:** This area is sound, with veterans Reed Morton and Marty Simpson returning at place-kicker and punter, respectively. The emergence of a big-play return man would be nice, though.

**Keys to success:** Taneyhill, who threw an SEC-high 14 interceptions last season, has to walk the talk—and grow up. He has the leadership ability and talent to lead what should be an effective offense. He's also surrounded by personnel that will allow him to succeed. Lack of scoring punch and a poor turnover ratio (minus .64, 11th in the SEC) resulted in last year's 4-7 campaign and the departure of Sparky Woods as coach.

**Outlook:** The Gamecocks boast plenty of talent and a favorable schedule (no Alabama or Auburn). But it will take Scott and his staff at least one year to make significant strides in the tough SEC.

**Coach Brad Scott says:** "We made some big improvements during our spring practice. We started doing the little things better... but we're nowhere close to being ready to play an SEC opponent."

#### GAMECOCKS DATA Coach: Brad Scott (first year).

1993 record: 4-7. SEC East: 2-6/T4th.

**Key losses:** Frank Adams, CB; Eric Brown, LB; Mathew Campbell, TE; Rob DeBoer, FB; Ernest Dixon, LB; Mike Landry, LB; Corey Louchiey, OT; Jahmal Pettiford, DE.

**Starters returning: Offense (9):** Chris Alford, WR, 6-0/183, Jr.; Brandon Bennett, RB, 6-0/205, Sr.; Toby Cates, WR, 6-1/194, Sr.; James Dexter, G, 6-6/282, Jr.; Vincent Dinkins, C, 6-2/277, Sr.; Luther Dixon, T, 6-4/279, Jr.; Boomer Foster, TE, 6-4/240, Sr.; John Harrison, G, 6-3/280, Soph.; Steve Taneyhill, QB, 6-3/205, Jr. **Defense (6):** Stacy Evans, E, 6-2/262, Sr.; James Flowers, LB, 6-2/250, Jr.; Norman Greene, FS, 6-1/186, Sr.; Ron Neely, CB, 5-9/177, Jr.; Eric Sullivan, NG, 6-2/269, Jr.; Tony Watkins, SS, 5-11/200, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Reed Morton, K, 5-7/176, Soph.; Marty Simpson, K/P, 6-3/186, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Corey Bridges, WR, Soph.; Aubrey Brooks, LB, Jr.; Hank Campbell, LB, Jr.; Terry Cousin, DB, Soph.; James Cummings, TE, Jr.; Anton Gunn, OG, Soph.; Terrell Harris, WR, Jr.; Stanley Pritchett, FB, Jr.; Mike Reddick, RB, Jr.; Chris Rumph, LB, Sr.; Robert Smith, LB, Soph.; David Turnipseed, DT, Sr.; Blake Williamson, QB, Jr.

**Top newcomers:** J.J. Brown, DE, Fr. (transfer/Michigan); Zola Davis, WR, Fr.; Ben Washington, DB, Fr.

**Schedule:** Georgia, Sept. 3; Arkansas, Sept. 10; Louisiana Tech, Sept. 17; at Kentucky, Sept. 24; at Louisiana State, Oct. 1; East Carolina, Oct. 8; Mississippi State, Oct. 15; at Vanderbilt, Oct. 22; Tennessee, Oct. 29; at Florida, Nov. 12; at Clemson, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** None.

**Site:** Columbia, S.C.

#### VANDERBILT

**Offensive strengths:** The backfield personnel boasts the necessary talent to make plays in Coach Gerry DiNardo's I-bone attack. The Commodores possess an athletic quarterback in senior Ronnie Gordon, a big, powerful fullback in Royce Love and a running/pass-catching threat in wingback Eric Lewis. Additionally, Cliff Deese and Jermaine Johnson form a solid tailback tandem.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Vanderbilt can't go anywhere but up after finishing the '93 season ranked 104th out of 106 Division I-A

schools in total offense (245.0 yards per game) and 103rd in scoring (12.5 points per game). If you like aerial artistry, look elsewhere. The Commodores completed just 55 passes for 546 yards, zero TDs and 13 interceptions last season. Tackle Owen Neil and center Richard Saenz are the lone returning starters on the line.

**Defensive strengths:** Vanderbilt showed a lot more grit on defense last year, but it was hard to tell because the offense was so bad. Tackles James Manley and Brian Boykin are good, and linebacker Gerald Collins is a quick, mobile striker in the middle.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The age-old problems for Vanderbilt haven't gone away: lack of size and depth. This year, the Commodores may start as many as five redshirt freshmen.

**Special teams:** Punter Bill Marinangel is back, but Vanderbilt ranked last in the SEC in net punting (31.7) last year. Steve Yenner, who booted eight field goals (including a 53-yarder) in 13 attempts, returns at place-kicker. Return men must be found.

**Keys to success:** DiNardo talked big and brought lofty expectations to Nashville, Tenn., in 1991, but the heralded I-bone offense he installed isn't doing the job.

**Outlook:** Chalk up a victory in the opener against Wake Forest, but it's all down hill

from there. In fact, Vanderbilt will be hard-pressed to equal its 1993 win total.

**Coach Gerry DiNardo says:** "Every year, you look at your program and evaluate where you are and where you're headed. Based on the last game of last season (a 62-14 drubbing at Tennessee), if it's not a good experience, football coaches are going to react."

#### COMMODORES DATA Coach: Gerry DiNardo (13-20, 3 years).

1993 record: 4-7. SEC East: 1-7/6th.

**Key losses:** Ryan Bell, OG; Eric Dahlberg, OT; Robert Davis, CB; John DeWitt, DE; Rico Francis, LB; Tony Jackson, TB; Byron King, CB; Mark Mikesell, OG; Shelton Quarles, LB; Aaron Smith, FS; Alan Young, DE.

**Starters returning: Offense (7):** Robert Couch, TE (will move to T), 6-6/290, Jr.; Ronnie Gordon, QB, 6-1/182, Soph.; Eric Lewis, WB, 6-0/210, Sr.; Royce Love, FB, 6-2/240, Jr.; Owen Neil, T, 6-5/300, Jr.; Richard Saenz, C, 6-4/275, Sr.; Kenny Simon, SE, 6-0/193, Jr. **Defense (4):** Brian Boykin, T, 6-3/275, Soph.; Gerald Collins, LB, 6-3/248, Sr.; James Manley, T, 6-4/288, Jr.; Eric Vance, SS, 6-4/218, Soph. **Kickers (2):** Bill Marinangel, P, 6-2/212, Soph.; Steve Yenner, K, 6-0/171, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** Gabe Banks, SE, Jr.; Cliff Deese, TB, Jr.; Byron DeGraffenreid, DE, Jr.; DeReal Finklin, CB, Soph.; Mark Jelcoat, LB, Soph.; Jermaine Johnson, TB, Soph.; Bryan Josey, OT, Jr.; Bill Sullivan, DT, Sr.; Jason Tomichuk, TE, Soph.; Kirk Williams, LB, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Matt Anderson, FS, Fr. (RS); Jamie Duncan, LB, Fr. (RS); Carlton Hall, LB, Fr. (RS); Jason Hill, DE, Fr. (RS); Robert Sheffield, CB, Fr. (RS); Bill White, OG, Jr. (JC);

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Running back Brandon Bennett will provide South Carolina, which struggled to score last season, with a potent weapon in the backfield.





JOHN WILLIAMSON

**Auburn returns 10 starters on defense, including linebacker Anthony Harris.**

Glenn Young, DE, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** Wake Forest, Sept. 3; at Alabama, Sept. 10; Mississippi, Sept. 17; Arkansas (at Little Rock, Ark.), Oct. 1; at Cincinnati, Oct. 8; at Georgia, Oct. 15; South Carolina, Oct. 22; Northwestern Illinois, Oct. 29; at Kentucky, Nov. 5; Florida, Nov. 19; Tennessee, Nov. 26.

**Last league title won:** None.

**Site:** Nashville, Tenn.

## WESTERN DIVISION

### ALABAMA

**Offensive strengths:** Former UCLA offensive coordinator Homer Smith, one of the most creative minds in the college game, is back in Tuscaloosa after coaching at Alabama under Bill Curry from 1987-89. Long live the short-passing game, a Smith trademark. Look for quarterback Jay Barker, who is recovering from a knee injury, to throw for 2,000 yards, and look for tailback Sherman Williams to run for another 1,000.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Flanker David Palmer, "The Deuce," left early for the NFL. That leaves a big hole in the big-play department. The only starter returning on the line is guard Jon Stevenson, and he's going to play center this season. On the bright side, the newcomers are bigger and stronger than their predecessors.

**Defensive strengths:** The loss of end Jeremy Nunley and nose tackle James Gregory hurts the line, but the Crimson Tide is loaded with capable replacements. Even with the departure of cornerback Antonio Langham, the secondary should be one of the best in the country. Look for cornerback Tommy Johnson and strong safety Sam Shade to carry the load this season.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Freshmen and sophomores will have to play prominent

roles at outside linebacker. Senior Willie Gaston, who will replace Langham, figures to be a busy man in 1994.

**Special teams:** Palmer isn't around to break tackles and set up the offense. But the kicking game is in great shape with the return of punter Bryne Diehl, who ranked seventh in the nation with a 43.6-yard average, and place-kicker Michael Proctor, who led the nation by making 1.8 field goals per game (22 of 29) last season.

**Key to success:** The offensive line must develop so the Crimson Tide's talented backfield operatives can showcase their skills.

**Outlook:** The defense, which ranked fifth in the nation (258.7 yards per game) in '93, again will be one of the nation's best units. The offense, under Smith, is going to be a force, even with holes to fill on the line. No one will confuse Alabama's schedule-maker with the guy who makes out Florida State's slate. It all adds up to a third straight trip to the SEC title game.

**Coach Gene Stallings says:** "I think we can take both sides and put them together and come up with a pretty good football team. We're not good enough right now, but I think we've got a chance to be good enough in September."

### CRIMSON TIDE DATA

**Coach:** Gene Stallings (40-9-1, 4 years; 67-54-2 overall, 11 years).  
**1993 record:** 9-3-1 (beat North Carolina in Gator Bowl). SEC West: 5-2-1/1st.

**Key losses:** Chris Anderson, TB; John Clay, OG; Chris Donnelly, FS; James Gregory, NT; Lemanski Hall, LB; Matt Hammond, OT; Antonio Langham, CB; Kevin Lee, SE; Jeremy Nunley, DE; David Palmer, FL (declared for NFL draft); Roosevelt Patterson, OT; Tobie Shells, C.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (5):** Jay Barker, QB, 6-3/210, Sr.; Tony Johnson, TE, 6-5/248, Jr.; Tarrant Lynch, FB, 6-1/224, Sr.; Jon Stevenson, G (will move to C), 6-3/275, Sr.; Sherman Williams, TB, 5-10/193, Sr. **Defense (6):** Darrell Blackburn, LB, 6-4/224, Soph.; Elverett Brown, T, 6-5/266, Sr.; Willie Gaston, FS (will move to CB), 5-11/183, Sr.; Tommy Johnson, CB, 5-10/180, Sr.; Michael Rogers, LB, 6-1/232, Sr.; Sam Shade, SS, 6-1/190, Sr. **Kickers (3):** Bryne Diehl, P, 6-3/215, Sr.; Michael Proctor, K, 5-11/183, Jr.; William Watts, K, 6-1/180, Soph. **Other key returnees:** Maurice Belser, G, Jr.; Curtis Brown, SE, Jr.; Shannon Brown, NT, Jr.; Tyrell Buckner, LB, Soph.; John Causey, C, Soph.; Fernando Davis, LB, Soph.; Joey Harville, OT, Sr.; Darnell Jeffries, DE, Sr.; Toderick Malone, SE, Jr.; Kareem McNeal, OT, Jr.; Cedric Samuel, CB, Soph.; John Walters, LB, Jr.

**Top newcomers:** Curtis Alexander, TB, Fr. (RS); Will Friend, OG, Fr. (RS); Joel Holliday, OT, Fr. (RS); Chris Jordan, OT, Fr. (RS); Paul Pickett, LB, Fr. (RS); Darnell Vallery, RB, Fr. (RS).  
**Schedule:** Tennessee-Chattanooga, (at Birmingham, Ala.), Sept. 3; Vanderbilt, Sept. 10; at Arkansas, Sept. 17; Tulane (at Birmingham), Sept. 24; Georgia, Oct. 1; Southern Mississippi, Oct. 8; at Tennessee, Oct. 15; Mississippi, Oct. 22; at Louisiana State, Nov. 5; at Mississippi State, Nov. 12; Auburn (at Birmingham), Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1992.

**Site:** Tuscaloosa, Ala.

### AUBURN

**Offensive strengths:** The return of center Shannon Roubique and guards Willie Anderson and Jason Taylor will make the middle of the line dynamite. There are plenty of pass catchers, including standouts Frank Sanders and Thomas Bailey.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Quarterback Stan White, a four-year starter, must be replaced. That puts junior Patrick Nix and redshirt freshman Dameyune Craig, who are battling for White's job, on the hot seat. Tailback James Bostic left early for the pros. But never fear, Auburn fans. Perhaps the best Tiger runner back since Bo Jackson remains: junior Stephen Davis.

**Defensive strengths:** The Tigers return 10 starters from a unit that ranked 15th in the nation and fourth in the SEC in total defense (312.0 yards per game) last season. Also back is cornerback Fred Smith, Auburn's 1992 defensive player of the year who missed last season with a knee injury.

**Defensive weaknesses:** It's hard to come up with any. Lack of depth, a problem in 1993, again may prove troublesome.

**Special teams:** Auburn will be hard-pressed to replace Scott Etheridge, who made 12 of 15 field-goal attempts in '93. But why dwell on the negative. Terry Daniel returns after ranking second in the nation in punting (46.9) last season, and Bailey is a big-play threat in the return game.

**Key to success:** The emergence of a quarterback. Nix and Craig, who is a better athlete than his competitor, are untested. Neither may be the answer to Coach Terry Bowden's Florida State-style offense.

**Outlook:** Thanks to a very favorable early season schedule, look for the Tigers to enter their October 15 encounter at Florida with a perfect record. But Auburn won't repeat last year's 11-0 mark, though the Tigers may come close.

**Coach Terry Bowden says:** "Our schedule gives us a chance to play five or six games early in the season where we will be favored in a few and tossups in others, but never seriously out-manned. With our type schedule, the first six games are critical if we are going to go into the last four or five with the confidence to have a great year."

### TIGERS DATA

**Coach:** Terry Bowden (11-0, 1 year; 75-

36-1 overall, 10 years).

**1993 record:** 11-0. SEC West: 8-0/ineligible for league title.

**Key losses:** Todd Boland, OG; James Bostic, TB (declared for NFL draft); Scott Etheridge, K; Wayne Gandy, OT; Damon Primus, DT; Anthony Redmon, OT; Tony Richardson, FB; Stan White, QB.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (5):** Thomas Bailey, WR/KR, 6-0/196, Sr.; Andy Fuller, TE, 6-3/243, Jr.; Shannon Roubique, C, 6-1/278, Jr.; Frank Sanders, WR, 6-2/200, Sr.; Jason Taylor, G, 6-1/295, Jr. **Defense (10):** Alonzo Etheridge, E, 6-4/255, Sr.; Anthony Harris, LB, 6-2/221, Jr.; Calvin Jackson, CB, 5-10/179, Jr.; Jason Miska, LB, 6-2/202, Jr.; Otis Mounds, SS, 6-0/194, Sr.; Mike Pelton, T, 6-3/262, Sr.; Brian Robinson, FS, 6-3/194, Jr.; Chris Shelling, CB, 5-10/180, Sr.; Terry Solomon, LB, 6-2/224, Jr.; Willie Whitehead, E, 6-3/231, Sr. **Kickers (1):** Terry Daniel, P, 6-1/226, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Willie Anderson, OG, Soph.; Stephen Davis, TB, Jr.; Derrick Dorn, TE, Jr.; John Franklin, OT, Soph.; Roymon Malcolm, TB, Jr.; Jessie McCovery, TE, Soph.; Harold Morrow, TB, Jr.; Marcellus Mostella, LB, Soph.; Patrick Nix, QB, Jr.; Fred Smith, CB, Sr. (RS/knee); Gary Walker, DE, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Ken Alvis, SS, Fr. (RS); Fred Beasley, RB, Fr.; Dameyune Craig, QB, Fr. (RS); LaDerrick Odum, LB, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** At Mississippi, Sept. 3; Northeast Louisiana, Sept. 10; Louisiana State, Sept. 17; East Tennessee State, Sept. 24; Kentucky, Sept. 29; at Mississippi State, Oct. 8; at Florida, Oct. 15; Arkansas, Oct. 29; East Carolina, Nov. 5; Georgia, Nov. 12; at Alabama (at Birmingham, Ala.), Nov. 19.  
**Last league title won:** 1989.

**Site:** Auburn, Ala.

### ARKANSAS

**Offensive strengths:** The Razorbacks have two fine Oscars in tailback Oscar Malone and fullback Oscar Gray. Barry Lunney, who opted to play baseball over football last spring, is the best of a deep group of Arkansas quarterbacks.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Arkansas must replace three starters on the line, which could pose some problems. Additionally, the Hogs lack depth at receiver.

**Defensive strengths:** End Marcus Adair, noseguard Junior Soli and tackle Vernon



Wade anchor what should be a strong defense. **Defensive weaknesses:** Replacing two starters in the secondary is a priority, because teams figure to avoid Arkansas' tough line. SEC sack leader Henry Ford will be missed.

**Special teams:** Punter Doyle Preston and place-kicker Lance Ellison have experience, which is something the return men lack. However, Ellison hit an SEC-worst 40 percent of his field goals (four of 10) in '93.

**Keys to success:** The offense has to develop a knockout punch, and it starts at quarterback, a position that has not performed well in recent years. Last season, the Hogs ranked 98th among 106 Division I-A teams in scoring offense (15.0).

**Outlook:** Arkansas figures to celebrate its football centennial with a bowl berth, its first since the '91 season, thanks to a favorable schedule. With a victory or two on the road, the Hogs may even play on January 2, the date for most of the higher-echelon bowls.

**Coach Danny Ford says:** "We want to be able to beat some teams that are better than we are. A lot of that has to do with how we feel about ourselves and being Razorbacks. We need to coach better, play better and respond better."

**RAZORBACKS DATA** Coach: Danny Ford (5-5-1, 1 year; 101-34-5 overall, 12 years).

**1993 record:** 5-5-1. SEC West: 3-4-1/2nd.

**Key losses:** Kirk Bolkin, TE; Tyrone Chatman, LB; Isaac Davis, OG; Henry Ford, DE; Darwin Ireland, LB; Alfred Jackson, SS; Chris Oliver, OT; Don Struening, C; Orlando Walters, CB.

**Starters returning: Offense (7):** Pat Baker, G, 6-3/310, Sr.; Kotto Cotton, SE, 6-0/187, Sr.; Oscar Gray, FB, 6-2/270, Sr.; Barry Lunney, QB, 6-2/187, Jr.; Oscar Malone, TB, 5-8/192, Jr.; J.J. Meadors, FL, 5-6/153, Jr.; Verl Mitchell, T, 6-3/282, Jr. **Defense (6):** Marcus Adair, E, 6-3/221, Jr.; Carl Kidd, FS, 6-1/198, Sr.; Dean Peevy, CB, 5-11/185, Sr.; Mark Smith, LB, 6-3/230, Soph.; Junior Soli, NG, 6-1/289, Jr.; Vernon Wade, T, 6-3/270, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Lance Ellison, K, 6-5/242, Sr.; Doyle Preston, P, 6-2/190, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** Vincent Bradford, LB, Soph.; Tracy Cantolope, CB, Jr.; Bryan Cornish, OT, Sr.; Del Delco, FS, Jr.; Carl Johnson, TE, Sr. (RS/disciplinary); Willie Johnson, LB, Sr.; Trent Knapp, LB, Sr.; Mike Nunnerley, SS, Jr.; Scott Rivers, OT, Soph.; Earl Scott, C, Jr.; Tony Swartz, OG, Soph.; Waylon Wishon, DE, Jr.

**Top newcomers:** Ken Anderson, DT, Fr. (RS/knee); Don Bray, LB, Jr. (JC); Sam Brooks, LB, Fr. (RS); Marcus Campbell, SS, Fr. (RS); Quinn Guidry, K, Fr.; Tyrone Henry, DB, Fr.; Mike Higgins, WR, Jr. (JC); Madre Hill, RB, Fr.

**Schedule:** Southwestern Methodist (at Little Rock, Ark.), Sept. 3; at South Carolina, Sept. 10; Alabama, Sept. 17; at Memphis, Sept. 24; Vanderbilt (at Little Rock), Oct. 1; at Tennessee, Oct. 8; Mississippi, Oct. 15; at Auburn, Oct. 29; at Mississippi State, Nov. 5; Northern Illinois, Nov. 12; Louisiana State (at Little Rock), Nov. 26.

**Last league title won:** None.

**Site:** Fayetteville, Ark.

## MISSISSIPPI STATE

**Offensive strengths:** The Bulldogs return a league-high 10 starters on offense. Running back Michael Davis, tackle Jesse James and receivers Chris Jones and Eric Moulds figure to be the stars.

**Offensive weaknesses:** The one starter not back is quarterback Todd Jordan, who will be hard to replace. Mississippi State hopes sophomore Derrick Taite can fill the void. If calamity strikes, it better not hit him.

**Defensive strengths:** Bulldog boss Jackie Sherrill likes what he sees on this side of the ball. There are eight starters back, and there's enough speed and power up front to make Mississippi State a contender. Walt Harris is a standout cornerback.

**Defensive weaknesses:** On paper, it ap-

pears the Bulldogs need help in the trenches, but the real problem is an intangible: inconsistency.

**Special teams:** Punter Jordan and place-kicker Tom Burke will be hard to replace. The return men are solid. Scott Gumina concluded an injury-plagued '93 season ranked fourth nationally in punt returns (13.9). Moulds and Kenny Causey, who each averaged 20.4 yards per kickoff return in '93, also are back, along with Bernard Euell.

**Key to success:** Taite has the ability to be a winner, but he needs to gain confidence early in the season. He'll get tested quickly—Mississippi State's first two games are at Memphis and at Louisiana State.

**Outlook:** In most instances, if a Sherrill-coached team gets off to a good start, it's usually going to enjoy a good season. However, the opposite also is true, and Mississippi State's schedule isn't built for a fast start.

**Coach Jackie Sherrill says:** "We have a chance to be a good football team. We have experience. We have some talent. We have some areas we have to address, but we can be a good football team if some things bounce the right way."

**BULLDOGS DATA** Coach: Jackie Sherrill (17-16-2, 3 years; 122-61-4 overall, 16 years).

**1993 record:** 3-6-2. SEC West: 2-5-1/5th.

**Key losses:** Tom Burke, K; Herman Carroll, DE; Arleye Gibson, NT; Todd Jordan, QB/P; Lateef Travis, LB.

**Starters returning: Offense (10):** Brian Anderson, C, 6-5/278, Jr.; Michael Davis, RB, 6-1/239, Sr.; Bernard Euell, WR/KR, 5-10/179, Jr.; Melvin Hayes, G, 6-6/316, Sr.; Jesse James, T, 6-5/310, Sr.; Chris Jones, WR, 6-3/202, Jr.; Henry McCann, T, 6-

6/308, Soph.; Fred McCrary, FB, 6-0/210, Sr.; Kendall Watkins, TE, 6-2/293, Sr.; Jason Wisner, G, 6-3/327, Sr. **Defense (8):** Andre Bennett, FS, 6-0/193, Sr.; Dwayne Curry, LB, 6-3/237, Soph.; Charlie Davidson, CB, 5-11/168, Sr.; Johnnie Harris, SS, 6-2/210, Sr.; Walt Harris, CB, 6-1/187, Jr.; Mike James, LB, 6-1/207, Sr.; Wesley Leasy, LB (will move to E), 6-3/237, Sr.; Jimmie Myles, T, 6-2/285, Sr. **Kickers:** None.

**Other key returnees:** Koche Anderson, DT, Soph.; Kevin Bouie, RB, Sr.; Kenny Causey, WR/KR, Soph.; Scott Gumina, SS/KR, Sr.; Rodney Hudson, QB, Soph. (RS/experience); Colby McCullough, DE, Soph.; Eric Moulds, WR/KR, Jr.; Andy Russ, K/P, Soph.; Derrick Taite, QB, Soph.; Reggie Wilson, LB, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Al Cotton, DE, Jr. (JC); Gregory Favors, LB, Fr. (RS); Corey Sears, DT, Jr. (JC); Larry Williams, DT, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** At Memphis, Sept. 3; at Louisiana State, Sept. 10; Tennessee, Sept. 24; Arkansas State, Oct. 1; Auburn, Oct. 8; at South Carolina, Oct. 15; Tulsa, Oct. 22; at Kentucky, Oct. 29; Arkansas, Nov. 5; Alabama, Nov. 12; at Mississippi, Nov. 26.

**Last league title won:** 1941.

**Site:** Starkville, Miss.

## MISSISSIPPI

**Offensive strengths:** New coordinator Larry Kueck has scrapped Mississippi's trap-option offense and installed a more wide-open scheme that should take advantage of the talents of junior college quarterback Josh Nelson and receivers Roell Preston, Ta'Boris Fisher, Joe Woods and LeMay Thomas. Additionally, the line should be improved.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Scoring was a problem last year—Kentucky shut out the Rebels, 21-0, and Memphis State beat them, 19-3. Also, Mississippi's top rusher gained just 343 yards last season, but that should change

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Linebacker Abdul Jackson, who paced the SEC with 140 tackles in 1993, is one of five returning starters from a Mississippi defense that paced the nation last season.



with the return of fullback Dou Innocent, who didn't play last season because of academic problems.

**Defensive strengths:** Ole Miss led the nation in total defense (234.6 yards per game) last year, but it's not likely the Rebels will do it again. However, five starters return, including linebacker Abdul Jackson, who paced the SEC with 140 tackles in '93, and cornerback Alundis Brice, who tied for the league lead with seven interceptions last year.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The early departure to the NFL by tackle Tim Bowens hurts the line, which is critical to coordinator Joe Lee Dunn's mass of blitzes and stunts that create confusion for opposing quarterbacks.

**Special teams:** This area must improve. Ole Miss is looking to junior college transfers Lonny Calicchio (punter) and Fred Thomas (return man) for help. Place-kicker Tim Montz saw limited action last season, when he connected on three of four field-goal attempts.

**Keys to success:** The offense must complement what should be a strong defense with some scoring punch. And it could happen, considering the fact Nelson will be surrounded by a corps of good receivers, a proven runner in Innocent and an adequate line.

**Outlook:** There is a nucleus of good players and experience, but off-the-field distractions—specifically an NCAA investigation into recruiting violations—could disrupt what may be a good year.

**Coach Billy Brewer says:** "Josh Nelson is the key right now. If he makes as much progress during preseason as he did in the spring, we'll be in business."

**REBELS DATA** Coach: Billy Brewer (67-56-3, 11 years; 124-95-6 overall, 20 years).

**1993 record:** 5-6, SEC West: 3-5/T3rd.

**Key losses:** Gary Abide, LB; Tim Bowens, DT (declared for NFL draft); Tony Collier, CB; Clint Conlee, OT; Marvin Courtney, RB; Johnny Dixon, SS; Dewayne Dotson, LB; Wesley Melton, OT; Eddie Small, WR; Jeremy Veasley, FB; Cassius Ware, LB.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (5):** Lawrence Adams, QB (will move to DB or WR), 5-10/185, Jr.; Chris May, G, 6-2/270, Jr.; Darrell Moncus, C, 6-2/275, Jr.; Roell Preston, WR, 5-11/180, Sr.; Chris Turner, TE, 6-2/245, Sr. **Defense (5):** Alundis Brice, CB, 5-11/180, Sr.; Norman Hand, T, 6-3/300, Sr.; Abdul Jackson, LB, 6-1/240, Sr.; Derek Jones, CB, 5-9/165, Soph.; Michael Lowery, SS, 6-1/200, Jr. **Kickers (2):** Chris McCordle, P, 5-9/185, Jr.; Tim Montz, K, 5-11/178, Soph.

**Other key returnees:** Huck Ferguson, NG, Sr.; Ta'Boris Fisher, WR, Soph.; James Holcombe, OG, Sr. (RS/neck); Dou Innocent, FB, Jr. (RS/academics); Skip Joyce, C, Soph.; David McGowan, DT, Soph.; Shannon Provencher, OG, Soph.; Ahmed Shahid, OT, Sr.; Mark Smith, TB, Jr.; LeMay Thomas, WR, Jr.; Stacy Wilson, DE, Sr.; Joe Woods, WR, Jr.

**Top newcomers:** Lonny Calicchio, P/K, Jr. (JC); Kris Mangum, TE, Soph. (transfer/Alabama); Josh Nelson, QB, Jr. (JC); Fred Thomas, CB/KR, Jr. (JC); Nate Wayne, LB, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** Auburn, Sept. 3; Southern Illinois, Sept. 10; Vanderbilt, Sept. 17; at Georgia, Sept. 24; Florida, Oct. 1; at Arkansas, Oct. 15; at Alabama, Oct. 22; Louisiana State, Oct. 29; Memphis, Nov. 5; at Tulane, Nov. 12; Mississippi State, Nov. 26.

**Last league title won:** 1963.

**Site:** Oxford, Miss.

## LOUISIANA STATE

**Offensive strengths:** Brett Bech, Eddie Kennison and Sheddric Wilson give the Tigers great depth at receiver. Throw in junior college transfer Eric Smith, a speed-burning wideout, and quarterback Jamie Howard could post some big numbers. Everyone should benefit from a simplified of-

fensive scheme.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Louisiana State must fill three spots on the line, which could hamper the Tigers' quest for a high-powered offense. Also, Louisiana State hopes Howard provides the consistency that the quarterback position has lacked since Tommy Hodson departed after the 1989 season. If true freshman signal-caller Josh Booty, chosen national high school player of the year by several organizations, isn't a factor in '94, he will be in the future.

**Defensive strengths:** The linebacking corps is deep and experienced, and three starters return in the secondary. Coach Curley Hallman shuffled his defensive staff, which should help. After all, the Bayou Bengals finished last in the SEC in total defense (395.7 yards per game), scoring defense (28.0) and sacks (14) in '93.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Hallman would love to play the entire season with most of his defense on the field instead of in the training room. Tackles Nate Miller and William Crowell could be outstanding, but they're always banged up.

**Special teams:** Prepare to have your head turned by Kennison, a kickoff/punt return wizard in the David Palmer mold. The Tigers have no worries at place-kicker. Andre Lafleur booted 14 field goals in 17 tries last season. However, LSU is searching for a punter.

**Keys to success:** Good health, the continued development of Howard and a fast start. The first two items are possibilities. Unfortunately, Louisiana State opens the season with consecutive games vs. Texas A&M, Mississippi State and Auburn.

**Outlook:** If the Tigers are going to post a winning season under Hallman, it has to be this year. They play seven games within the state borders, and a couple of their road contests are winnable. However, Louisiana State has too much ground to make up in a tough conference.

**Coach Curley Hallman says:** "Jamie Howard is maturing as we go along and he's showing signs of progress. He has the ability to be a great player."

**TIGERS DATA** Coach: Curley Hallman (12-21, 3 years; 35-32 overall, 6 years).

**1993 record:** 5-6, SEC West: 3-5/T3rd.

**Key losses:** Harold Bishop, TE; Robert Davis, TB (transfer/Alabama-Birmingham); Anthony Marshall, FS; Kevin Mawae, C; Ike Pullett, DT; Ross Setters, OT; Ronnie Simnicht, OG; Ricardo Washington, LB; Corey White, DE.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (7):** Brett Bech, SE, 6-1/180, Sr.; Ben Bordelon, G, 6-6/291, Soph.; Jamie Howard, QB, 6-1/195, Jr.; Jay Johnson, TB, 5-9/186, Jr.; Marcus Price, T, 6-6/298, Sr.; Robert Toomer, FB, 5-11/211, Jr.; Sheddric Wilson, SE, 6-1/191, Jr. **Defense (7):** Mike Calais, LB, 6-1/223, Soph.; Robert Deshotel, LB, 6-3/227, Sr.; James Gillyard, E, 6-2/234, Jr.; Ivory Hilliard, SS, 6-0/190, Sr.; Tory James, CB, 6-2/174, Jr.; Nate Miller, T, 6-4/300, Sr.; Rodney Young, CB, 6-2/199, Sr. **Kickers (1):** Andre Lafleur, K, 5-11/178, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** David Butler, TB, Jr.; Talvi Crawford, SS, Sr.; William Crowell, DT, Sr.; Eddie Kennison, FL/KR, Soph.; David Lafleur, TE, Soph.; Gabe Northern, LB, Jr.; Pat Rogers, LB, Soph.; Robert Thibodeaux, DT, Jr.

**Top newcomers:** Josh Booty, QB, Fr.; Hunter Bullard, FS, Fr. (RS); Jeff Hampton, LB, Fr. (RS); Fumell Hankton, DE, Fr. (RS); Kenny Mixon, LB, Fr. (RS); Eric Smith, WR, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** Texas A&M, Sept. 3; Mississippi State, Sept. 10; at Auburn, Sept. 17; South Carolina, Oct. 1; at Florida, Oct. 8; Kentucky, Oct. 15; at Mississippi, Oct. 29; Alabama, Nov. 5; Southern Mississippi, Nov. 12; at Tulane, Nov. 19; Arkansas (at Little Rock, Ark.), Nov. 26.

**Last league title won:** 1988.

**Site:** Baton Rouge, La. ♦



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Mike Calais is part of a deep and experienced Louisiana State linebacking corps.



# SCOUTING THE SOUTHEASTERN

**Ascending:** Auburn. In his rookie season, Terry Bowden guided the Tigers to an 11-0 record and a No. 4 ranking in the final Associated Press poll and a No. 5 spot in THE SPORTING NEWS' final ratings. Prepare for another big year in Auburn. The fortunes of Arkansas and Kentucky also figure to rise.

**Descending:** Louisiana State. It's five losing seasons and counting for the Bayou Bengals.

**Nightmare schedule:** Georgia and Tennessee could use a little sympathy. For the Bulldogs to have any chance of winning the SEC, they have to go on the road and beat South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Auburn and a vastly improved Kentucky team. And Tennessee? The Volunteers open the season at UCLA, travel to Georgia, entertain Florida and then venture to Mississippi State, all in succession. Good luck.

**Dream schedule:** Florida, as if the Gators need a boost. For the first time in school annals, Florida plays seven home games.

**Best matchup of the year:** The two 11-game winners of 1993, Auburn and Florida, square off October 15 in Gainesville, Fla. Last year, the Tigers claimed a last-minute 38-35 victory over the Gators that still bothers Florida Coach Steve Spurrier.

**Worst matchup of the year:** It's a tie. UT-Chattanooga vs. Alabama (in Birmingham, Ala.) on September 3 and East Tennessee State at Auburn on September 24 will be equally ugly.

**Shocker of the year:** Kentucky over Tennessee, November 19 in Knoxville, Tenn. The Wildcats beat the hated Volunteers on the way to their best season since going 9-3 in 1984.

## Bowl bound:

Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas, Kentucky and Mississippi State. Auburn would make it seven, but the Tigers have to serve one more year of NCAA probation.

## Biggest shoes to fill:

Tennessee senior quarterback Jerry Colquitt steps in for 1993 SEC Player of the Year Heath Shuler. Colquitt's first test is a road contest at UCLA.

**Most underrated player:** Mississippi senior linebacker Abdul Jackson doesn't receive the publicity that former linebacking teammates Dewayne Dotson and Cassius Ware did, but he's the real deal.

**Impact newcomers:** Curtis Alexander, TB, Alabama, Fr. (RS); Ronnie Battle, WR, Florida, Fr.; Billy Beron, DT, Tennessee, Fr.

(RS); Josh Booty, QB, Louisiana State, Fr.; Larry Bowie, FB, Georgia, Jr. (JC); Daymon Carter, RB, Kentucky, Jr. (JC); Gregory Favors, LB, Mississippi State, Fr. (RS); Joel Holliday, OT, Alabama, Fr. (RS); Peyton Manning, QB, Tennessee, Fr.; Josh Nelson, QB, Mississippi, Jr. (JC); Kris Mangum, TE, Mississippi, Soph. (transfer/Alabama); Paul

Pickett, LB, Alabama, Fr. (RS); Eric Smith, WR, Louisiana State, Jr. (JC); Elijah Williams, RB, Florida, Fr. (RS).

**Coach of the year:** Bill Curry, Kentucky. The Wildcats came oh-so-close to winning the Eastern Division last year, dropping heart-breaking decisions to Florida (24-20), Georgia (33-28) and Vanderbilt (12-7). Ken-

tucky will win the close games this season.

**Coach on the hot seat:** Curley Hallman, Louisiana State. He has posted three straight losing seasons. A fourth likely will send him packing.

**Best bets:** Steve Spurrier will yank

Terry Dean the moment he struggles in a close game and insert Danny Wuerffel. . . . Alabama quarterback Jay Barker, who underwent major knee surgery after last season's Auburn game, will flourish under new offensive coordinator Homer Smith. . . . The third SEC championship game will match, for the third time, Western Division champion Alabama and Eastern Division champion Florida. . . . Georgia quarterback Eric Zeier, who almost entered the NFL draft after last season, will throw for more than 3,000 yards and then take his game to the pro ranks. . . . Alabama will not lose to Tennessee, which hasn't beaten its biggest rival since 1985. The Volunteers came close last season, when they tied the Tide, 17-17, in Birmingham. . . . Kentucky will lose at Auburn on September 29, thereby keeping Bill Curry winless (0-11) against the Tigers. . . . Spurrier will yank Wuerffel the moment he struggles in a close game and insert Dean.

**Odds and ends:** Tennessee's Neyland Stadium will have grass for the first time since the 1967 season. . . . Sophomore running back Moe Williams became Kentucky's all-time freshman rushing leader last season when he ran for 928 yards. . . . Mississippi State running back Michael Davis, who played in the 240-pound range last season, has shed about 20 pounds and is starting to live up to the expectations of Jackie Sherrill, who has boasted that Davis is the best runner he has had since he coached Tony Dorsett at Pittsburgh in the mid-1970s. . . . Tennessee sophomore running back Jay Graham showed some of the flash he was reputed to have coming out of high school in the Volunteers' spring game, running for 101 yards on 18 carries. . . . Alabama officials had hoped to break the school's spring football game attendance record of 51,117, set in 1988. But, alas, a paltry 46,700 turned out. . . . The World's Biggest Cocktail Party, also known as the Georgia-Florida game, will be played in Gainesville, Fla., this season as the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla., undergoes a face lift to get ready for its newest tenant, the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars. ♦

—CHARLES HOLLIS

## HONOR ROLL

<b>Best offensive line:</b> Tennessee	<b>Best secondary:</b> Auburn
<b>Best offensive backfield:</b> Tennessee	<b>Best-hitting defensive back:</b> Fred Smith, Auburn
<b>Best backup quarterback:</b> Danny Wuerffel, Florida	<b>Best kicking game:</b> Alabama
<b>Best wide receivers:</b> Florida	<b>Best kick-coverage units:</b> Tennessee
<b>Best clutch receiver:</b> Jack Jackson, Florida	<b>Best coaching staff:</b> Auburn
<b>Best defensive line:</b> Florida	<b>Best coach:</b> Steve Spurrier, Florida
<b>Best-hitting defensive lineman:</b> Ellis Johnson, Florida	<b>Best Heisman candidate:</b> Eric Zeier, QB, Georgia
<b>Best linebackers:</b> Alabama	<b>Best pro prospect:</b> Eric Zeier, QB, Georgia
<b>Best-hitting linebacker:</b> Randall Godfrey, Georgia	

## RETURNING LEADERS

<b>Rushing:</b> Moe Williams, Kentucky, 84.4 yds./game (164 att., 928 yds., 5 TDs, 5.7 avg.).
<b>Passing efficiency:</b> Eric Zeier, Georgia, 148.3 rating pts. (425 att., 269 comp., 3,525 yds., 24 TDs).
<b>Total offense:</b> Eric Zeier, Georgia, 316.6 yds./game (-43 yds. rushing, 3,525 yds. passing, 3,482 total yds.).
<b>Receiving:</b> Brice Hunter, Georgia, 6.9 rec./game (76 rec., 970 yds., 9 TDs, 12.8 avg.).
<b>Scoring:</b> John Becksvoort, Tennessee, 8.6 pts./game (0 TDs, 59 PATs, 12 FGs, 95 pts.).
<b>Punting:</b> Terry Daniel, Auburn, 46.9 avg. (51 punts, 2,393 yds.).
<b>Punt returns:</b> Shawn Summers, Tennessee, 14.2 avg. (18 att., 255 yds., 1 TD).
<b>Kickoff returns:</b> Jack Jackson, Florida, 28.2 avg. (17 att., 480 yds., 1 TD).
<b>Field goals:</b> Michael Proctor, Alabama, 1.8 FGs/game (22/29 FGs, 76%).
<b>Interceptions:</b> Alundis Brice, Mississippi, .64 int./game (7 int., 98 yds., 2 TDs).



Bill Curry's Wildcats are bowl bound.



Aside from his receiving skills, Florida's Jack Jackson is a fine return man.

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# Tradition counts for little as the SWC falls apart

By KIRK BOHLS

Austin American-Statesman

Perhaps no league in the country can match the football tradition of the venerable Southwest Conference, which has been going at it on the gridiron since 1915.

Of course, that was before this past off-season.

Talk about your winter of discontent. Only nuclear winter could have been worse for the SWC, which underwent more change than President Clinton's health-care package.

In no particular order and leaving massive disorder, three-time defending champion Texas A&M was hit with a five-year NCAA probation that bans the Aggies from TV appearances and postseason play in 1994; seven coaches departed College Station in a massive shakeup of the Aggies' coaching staff; Rice welcomed former Arkansas boss Ken Hatfield back into the league as its new coach; Houston broke ground on a multi-million dollar football complex; Texas and Baylor switched to 3-4 defenses, and the league schedule was drastically revamped for TV purposes.

And, oh yeah, the conference fell apart.

Texas, Texas A&M, Baylor and Texas Tech all accepted invitations to join the Big Eight Conference starting with the 1996 football season. Those climactic decisions in February left the SWC's four other programs—Texas Christian, Southern Methodist, Rice and Houston—out in the cold. Then, two months later, TCU, SMU and Rice joined up with the Western Athletic Conference, leaving Houston as the only SWC team without a future conference home.

All of the off-season shifting created a deep undercurrent of resentment that could creep into the games this fall.

"You really don't have a league any more," Houston Coach Kim Helton said. "Texas and Texas A&M screwed that up. But it's not going to affect us. I don't know how the team feels."

The departing SWC schools may not be leaving on the best of terms. Texas A&M Coach R.C. Slocum is still upset that the Texas-Texas A&M game is being moved from its traditional Thanksgiving Day date to allow this year's top two Cotton Bowl contenders, Baylor and Texas, to play that day on national television.

"I'm disappointed," said Slocum, whose team is barred from making any television appearances this year. "It (Texas-Texas A&M) was a special game, and it'll still be a big game. I can see where other schools, they don't care about the Thanksgiving game and say, 'Let's move it.' Some of the same people are understanding why we've gone to another conference. One time tradition's important, another time it's not. It depends on who it affects."

Oh yeah, that Thanksgiving Day

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### PREDICTIONS

#### ORDER OF FINISH

1. TEXAS
2. TEXAS A&M
3. BAYLOR
4. TEXAS CHRISTIAN
5. TEXAS TECH
6. SOUTHERN METHODIST
7. RICE
8. HOUSTON

game between Texas and Baylor will start at 10 in the morning instead of at night.

So much for tradition.

### TEXAS

**Offensive strengths:** Mike Adams and Lovell Pinkney could be the best pass-receiving tandem in the nation. Tackle Blake Brockermeyer, shifted to the left side, could be an All-America, and the savvy Shea Morenz could challenge as the league's best quarterback.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Texas has no proven feature back with game-breaker speed or an established tight end. Depth in the line is very thin.



Texas' Lovell Pinkney is part of what may be the best pass-receiving tandem in the nation.

**Defensive strengths:** Speedy Kevin Watler, a rare sixth-year senior, is one of the league's top linebackers. Pass-rusher deluxe Tony Brackens is approaching All-America status. The secondary has several budding stars in safety Chris Carter and cornerback Bryant Westbrook.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The line, last year's sore spot, remains suspect in Texas' new 3-4 alignment. Despite all the potential of the sophomore class, its growing pains may not be over.

**Special teams:** Duane Vacek, the SWC's top punter, returns after averaging 41 yards a kick last year. Philip Dawson was a high school All-America but has yet to kick in college. Adams' 4.3 speed makes him a lethal kick returner.

**Key to success:** Morenz must drastically cut down on his 18 interceptions of a year ago and Pinkney, who drops too many passes, has to improve his concentration level.

**Outlook:** John Mackovic is entering his third season at Texas, and a bowl game is a must for a program that has won only 11 games over the last two years. Despite non-conference games against Colorado and Oklahoma, the schedule is encouraging, but the offense has to be more productive and the defense more stubborn against the run.

**Coach John Mackovic says:** "Any good, solid program, whether it's ours or any other, cannot be built in three years. It takes consistency in what you do. I don't know if you can set a timetable. This is one of our best opportunities."

**LONGHORNS DATA** Coach: John Mackovic (11-10-1, 2 years; 55-46-2 overall, 8 years).

**1993 record:** 5-5-1. SWC: 5-2/T2nd.

**Key losses:** Phil Brown, RB; Van Malone, SS; Troy Riemer, OT; Scott Szerezy, K; Winfred Tubbs, LB.

**Starters returning: Offense (9):** Mike Adams, WR, 6-1/180, Jr.; Blake Brockermeyer, T, 6-5/286, Jr.; Trent Elliott, C, 6-4/274, Sr.; John Elmore, G, 6-3/272, Jr.; Jimmy Hakes, TE, 6-5/234, Sr.; Curtis Jackson, RB, 5-10/192, Jr.; Shea Morenz, QB, 6-2/196, Soph.; Dan Neil, G/C, 6-2/280, Soph.; Lovell Pinkney, WR, 6-5/234, Jr.

**Defense (9):** Thomas Baskin, T, 6-2/277, Sr.; Tony Brackens, DL, 6-4/227, Soph.; Chris Carter, FS, 6-1/182, Soph.; Stonie Clark, T, 6-1/320, Jr.; Joey Ellis, CB, 5-10/181, Sr.; Robert Reed, LB, 6-2/220, Jr.; Norman Watkins, LB, 6-2/229, Sr.; Kevin Watler, LB, 6-3/230, Sr.; Bryant Westbrook, CB, 6-0/203, Soph. **Kickers (1):** Duane Vacek, P, 6-3/253, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** Steve Bradley, TE, Soph.; Matt Davis, WR, Soph.; Victor Frazier, CB, Sr.; Anthony Holmes, RB, Jr.; Brian Howard, FS, Jr.; Jon Hunter, SS, Sr.; Eric Jackson, WR, Sr.; Bryan Johnson, LB, Soph.; Justin McLeMore, WR, Sr.; Joe Phillips, OT, Jr.; Jason Reeves, LB, Jr.; Shane Rink, DL, Jr.; Tre Thomas, SS, Soph.; Rodrick Walker, RB, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Chris Akins, DL, Fr.; William Barnes, RB, Fr.; Octavious Bishop, OL, Fr.; Michael Boudoin, LB, Fr.; James Brown, QB, Fr. (RS); Philip Dawson, K, Fr. (RS); John Dutton, QB, Fr. (RS); Russell Gaskamp, OL/DL, Fr.; Wane McGarity, WR, Fr.; Richard Walton, QB, Fr.; Darrell Wilson, RB, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** At Pittsburgh, Sept. 3; Louisville, Sept. 10; at Texas Christian, Sept. 24; Colorado, Oct. 1; Oklahoma (at Dallas), Oct. 8; at Rice, Oct. 15; Southern Methodist, Oct. 22; at Texas Tech, Oct. 29; Texas A&M, Nov. 5; Houston, Nov. 12; at Baylor, Nov. 24.

**Last league title won:** 1990.

**Site:** Austin, Tex.

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## TEXAS A&M

**Offensive strengths:** The Aggies probably have the two best running backs in the nation in sophomore whiz Leeland McElroy and senior workhorse Rodney Thomas. Corey Pullig cemented his spot at quarterback with a super Cotton Bowl performance against Notre Dame.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Although some top reserves are ready to step in, the chemistry is questionable on the line, where graduation has removed every starter except excellent guard Calvin Collins, who will move to center. Texas A&M hasn't had a take-it-the-distance receiver for a decade.

**Defensive strengths:** Speed rusher Antonio Shorter is the latest in a long-and-getting-longer line of great Aggie linebackers. Three-fourths of a secondary that allowed the fewest completions and passing yards in the nation returns. Cornerback Donovan Greer will be great.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The line is barren, making the defense as a whole vulnerable for the first time in years. Besides Shorter, the linebacking corps lacks star quality.

**Special teams:** The elusive and swift McElroy has no peer as a kick returner, having run back kickoffs for an NCAA record-tying three touchdowns last season. Punter James Bennett, a one-time walk-on, is coming off a great year in which he had 11 punts downed inside the 15-yard line. Bennett, however, must fight off freshman Bill Johnston for the job this year. Redshirt freshman Kyle Bryant has yet to attempt a field goal.

**Key to success:** Quick cohesion on both lines. Of the nine starting positions on the offensive and defensive lines, the Aggies have just one returning starter, Collins, and he has changed positions.

**Outlook:** With two new coordinators and, except for two coaches, an entirely new staff of assistants, the Aggies could take a few of the lumps they handed out during their current 22-game SWC winning streak. The start of a five-year NCAA probation forbids the Aggies from making a bowl appearance this season, but don't ever write them off.

**Coach R.C. Slocum says:** "I see it as a rebuilding year for us. We're not going to fall off the cliff. A lot of people expecting us to fall off will be disappointed."

**AGGIES DATA** Coach: R.C. Slocum (49-12-1, 5 years). 1993 record: 10-2 (lost to Notre Dame in Cotton Bowl). SWC: 7-0/1st.

**Key losses:** Sam Adams, DE (declared for NFL draft); Jason Atkinson, LB; Chris Dausin, C; Eric England, DE; Aaron Glenn, CB; Tony Harrison, WR; Tyler Harrison, OG; Greg Hill, TB (declared for NFL draft); Jason Mathews, OT; Greg Schorp, TE; Steve Solari, LB; Lance Teichelman, NG; Terry Venetoulis, K; Dexter Wesley, OT.

**Starters returning: Offense (5):** Calvin Collins, G, 6-3/285, Soph.; Cliff Groce, FB, 5-11/240, Sr.; Brian Mitchell, WR, 6-0/184, Jr.; Corey Pullig, QB, 6-3/199, Jr.; Rodney Thomas, TB, 5-11/203, Sr. **Defense (5):** Michael Hendricks, SS, 6-0/185, Sr.; Larry Jackson, LB, 6-4/239, Sr.; Ray Mickens, CB, 5-8/176, Jr.; Junior White, FS, 6-1/163, Jr.; Antonio Shorter, LB, 6-4/215, Sr. **Kickers (1):** James Bennett, P, 6-0/190, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Chris Colon, LB, Jr.; Jessie Cox, LB, Sr. (ineligible last season); Donovan Greer, CB, Soph.; Steve Kenney, SS, Sr.; Leeland McElroy, TB, Soph.; James McKeethan, TE, Sr.; Typail McMullen, SS, Soph.; Billy Mitchell, CB, Sr.; Derton Smith, FB, Jr.

**Top newcomers:** Kyle Bryant, PK, Fr. (RS); Trent Driver, LB, Fr.; Bill Johnston, P, Fr.; David Maxwell, DL, Fr. (RS); Chris Ruhman, OL, Fr. (RS); Pat Williams, DL, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** At Louisiana State, Sept. 3; Oklahoma, Sept. 10; Southern Mississippi, Sept. 24; Texas Tech, Oct. 1; at Houston, Oct. 8; Baylor, Oct. 15; Rice, Oct. 22; at Southern Methodist (in

San Antonio, Tex.), Oct. 29; at Texas, Nov. 5; at Louisville, Nov. 12; Texas Christian, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1993

**Site:** College Station, Tex.

## BAYLOR

**Offensive strengths:** Brandell Jackson is among the league's best running backs but still might have to share time with the gifted and fast Kalief Muhammad. Fred Miller and David Davis are two of the SWC's best and strongest tackles.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Quarterback Lamont Moore, a sprint-out type who throws better on the run, has little arm strength and less experience (five passes and about 20 plays on his resume). The receivers are adequate at best.

**Defensive strengths:** The Bears' new 3-4 scheme should make the defense quicker, and the moves of Scotty Lewis and Daryl Gardener inside with nose tackle Steve Strahan should beef up the line against the run.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Poor tackling doomed Baylor a year ago, when it took safety Adrian Robinson and cornerback George McCullough half a season just to feel comfortable. The linebackers are either still learning or average.

**Special teams:** Everybody's back, which is scary. Punter Willie Shupp and his backup netted just 34 yards a kick, and place-kicker Jarvis Van Dyke didn't kick a field goal longer than 36 yards. Look for Muhammad and his 4.6 speed to jazz up the return game.

**Keys to success:** Moore has to develop quickly at quarterback or give way to one of two talented freshmen. The Bears also must juice up their pass rush.

**Outlook:** A lackluster non-conference schedule should give the offense time to jell in preparation for league play. Once SWC play begins, the Bears should contend.

**Coach Chuck Reedy says:** "We'll be much improved defensively with 10 (actually 11) starters back. And I think we'll be a good running football team, but we've got to improve in our throwing game."

**BEARS DATA** Coach:

Chuck Reedy (5-6, 1 year).

1993 record: 5-6. SWC: 3-4/T4th.

**Key losses:** Craig Bellamy, TE; Marvin Calles, SE; John Henry, FB; J.J. Joe, QB; David Leaks, OG; Chuck Pope, C.

**Starters returning: Offense (5):** Will Davidson, G, 6-4/298, Sr.; David Davis, T, 6-4/295, Soph.; Brandell Jackson, TB, 5-9/204, Jr.; Fred Miller, T, 6-7/257, Jr.; John Stanley, SE, 5-11/179, Sr. **Defense (11):** Kendrick Bell, CB, 5-8/165, Sr.; Chris Dull, LB, 6-2/236, Sr.; Daryl Gardener, E, 6-6/282, Jr.; Charles Horton, T (will move to E), 6-3/266, Jr.; LaCurtis Jones,

LB, 6-0/195, Jr.; Phillip Kent, LB, 6-1/213, Jr.; Chris Lewis, FS, 6-2/202, Sr.; Scotty Lewis, E, 6-3/253, Sr.; George McCullough, CB, 5-10/174, Soph.; Adrian Robinson, SS, 6-2/205, Jr.; Steve Strahan, NT, 6-1/294, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Willie Shupp, P, 6-0/195, Sr.; Jarvis Van Dyke, K, 5-9/157, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** Joseph Asbell, NT, Sr.; Ben Bronson, SE, Sr.; Bradford Lewis, FB, Sr.; Robert Mason, LB, Soph.; Ivan Mazoch, DE, Jr.; Lamont Moore, QB, Soph.; Kalief Muhammad, TB, Soph.; Bryan Tanner, DE, Jr.; Byron Thompson, DE, Jr.; Tony Tubbs, LB, Sr.; John Turner, C, Jr. **Top newcomers:** Nikia Code, DB, Fr.; Jerod Douglas, RB, Fr.; Cyrus Edison, DB, Fr.; Roderick Kinney, NT, Fr.; Sheldon Mallory, DE, Fr.; Dion Marion, TB, Fr.; Clifton Rubin, FB, Fr.; Jeff Watson, QB, Fr.

**Schedule:** Louisiana Tech, Sept. 3; at San Jose State, Sept. 10; Oklahoma State, Sept. 17; at Southern California, Sept. 24; at Texas Christian, Oct. 1; Southern Methodist, Oct. 8; at Texas A&M, Oct. 15; at Texas Tech, Oct. 22; Houston, Oct. 29; at Rice, Nov. 12; Texas, Nov. 24.

**Last league title won:** 1980.

**Site:** Waco, Tex.

## TEXAS CHRISTIAN

**Offensive strengths:** Tough junior running back Andre Davis is a sure bet to rush for 1,000 yards. The SWC's premier tight end, Brian Collins, has terrific hands and a great backup in Ryan Tucker. Outstanding linemen Barret Robbins and Bart Epperson are iron men who played every offensive snap last season. The line allowed only nine sacks in 1993.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Quarterback Max Knake hasn't shown the arm strength needed to make defensive backs respect him. There are no burners at wide receiver, either, to make those defensive backs shiver.

**Defensive strengths:** Tackle Royal West is tough to keep off a quarterback, and gritty

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Workhorse Rodney Thomas is part of a great Texas A&M backfield. But he'll have to work behind a line that has questionable chemistry.

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## PRESEASON ALL-SOUTHWEST TEAM

## PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

## OFFENSE

LEELAND  
McELROY  
RB, Texas A&M

## DEFENSE

ANTONIO  
SHORTER  
LB, Texas A&M

## NEWCOMERS OF THE YEAR

OFFENSE: Byron Hanspard, RB, Texas Tech

DEFENSE: Pat Williams, DL, Texas A&amp;M

## FIRST TEAM

## OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	MIKE ADAMS, Texas	6-1/180	Jr.
WR	LOVELL PINKNEY, Texas	6-5/234	Jr.
TE	BRIAN COLLINS, TCU	6-5/220	Jr.
T	BLAKE BROCKERMAYER, Texas	6-5/286	Jr.
T	CHRIS COOLEY, Rice	6-5/290	Jr.
C	DAN NEIL, Texas	6-2/280	Soph.
G	CALVIN COLLINS, Texas A&M	6-2/285	Soph.
G	JOHN ELMORE, Texas	6-3/272	Jr.
QB	COREY PULLIG, Texas A&M	6-3/199	Jr.
RB	RODNEY THOMAS, Texas A&M	5-11/203	Sr.
RB	LEELAND McELROY, Texas A&M	5-11/200	Soph.

## DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	TONY BRACKENS, Texas	6-4/227	Soph.
DL	ROYAL WEST, TCU	6-3/280	Sr.
DL	DAMON WICKWARE, Texas Tech	6-3/249	Sr.
LB	ANTONIO SHORTER, Texas A&M	6-4/215	Sr.
LB	KEVIN WATLER, Texas	6-3/230	Sr.
LB	EMMETT WALDRON, Rice	6-2/220	Sr.
LB	CHRIS BORDANO, SMU	6-2/220	Soph.
DB	RAY MICKENS, Texas A&M	5-8/176	Jr.
DB	JOEY ELLIS, Texas	5-10/181	Sr.
DB	CHRIS CARTER, Texas	6-1/182	Soph.
DB	MICHAEL HENDRICKS, Texas A&M	6-0/185	Sr.

## SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	JON DAVIS, Texas Tech	5-11/198	Sr.
P	DUANE VACEK, Texas	6-3/253	Jr.
KR	LEELAND McELROY, Texas A&M	5-11/200	Soph.

## SECOND TEAM

## OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	BRIAN MITCHELL, Texas A&M	6-0/184	Jr.
WR	JOHN STANLEY, Baylor	5-11/179	Sr.
TE	JAMES McKEEHAN, Texas A&M	6-4/231	Sr.
T	DAVID DAVIS, Baylor	6-4/295	Soph.
T	FRED MILLER, Baylor	6-7/257	Jr.
C	BRANNON KIDD, SMU	6-4/275	Soph.
G	BRENDON FITZGERALD, Rice	6-4/275	Sr.
G	WILL DAVIDSON, Baylor	6-4/298	Sr.
QB	SHEA MORENZ, Texas	6-2/196	Soph.
RB	ANDRE DAVIS, TCU	5-9/184	Jr.
RB	BRANDELL JACKSON, Baylor	5-9/204	Jr.

## DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	STEVE STRAHAN, Baylor	6-1/294	Sr.
DL	STONIE CLARK, Texas	6-1/320	Jr.
DL	SCOTTY LEWIS, Baylor	6-3/253	Sr.
LB	ANTHONY ARMOUR, Texas Tech	6-0/200	Jr.
LB	BRYAN JOHNSON, Texas	6-3/228	Soph.
LB	CHRIS COLON, Texas A&M	6-3/209	Jr.
LB	REGGIE ANDERSON, TCU	6-2/225	Sr.
DB	BRYANT WESTBROOK, Texas	6-0/203	Soph.
DB	MICHAEL ARTMORE, SMU	5-10/190	Sr.
DB	MARCUS COLEMAN, Texas Tech	6-2/202	Jr.
DB	TRE THOMAS, Texas	6-3/205	Soph.

## SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	TRACE CRAFT, Houston	6-0/171	Sr.
P	JAMES BENNETT, Texas A&M	6-0/190	Sr.
KR	MIKE ADAMS, Texas	6-1/180	Jr.

linebacker Reggie Anderson is the league's top returning tackler with 144 stops. Lenoy Jones is one of the fastest linebackers around. **Defensive weaknesses:** The Horned Frogs haven't been physical enough to force the critical turnovers. Their thin secondary has tried to play opposing receivers man-on-man and the results have been poor.

**Special teams:** The starting jobs won't be decided until August, but you can count on things being very average here. Jimmy Oliver (24.6-yard average) is a capable kick returner. A junior college transfer will handle the punting, while a redshirt freshman who is longer than he is accurate will do the kicking. **Keys to success:** Knake must step up his game or give way to the strong-armed Chance McCarty (who is coming off knee surgery) to make the passing game at least respectable. The kicking game, long a flaw in Fort Worth, must improve radically.

**Outlook:** TCU doubled its victory total from two to four last season despite ending the season with three bad losses. With a strong start, the Frogs could contend for the league title, but four of their last six games are on the road.

**Coach Pat Sullivan says:** "Our first five games, I doubt if anybody in the country plays a tougher schedule than we have. But that's good because we'll find out early. I think we'll be a good football team by the end of the year."

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**HORNED FROGS DATA** Coach: Pat Sullivan (6-15-1, 2 years).

1993 record: 4-7. SWC: 2-5/6th.

**Key losses:** Kevin Cordesman, P; Greg Evans, SS; Calvin Jones, CB; John Oglesby, FB; Richard Woodley, FL.

**Starters returning:** Offense (9): Kevin Brewer, C, 6-3/260, Jr.; Brian Collins, TE, 6-5/220, Jr.; Andre Davis, TB, 5-9/184, Jr.;

Bart Epperson, G, 6-3/270, Sr.; Max Knake, QB, 6-1/205, Jr.; Boyd Milby, T, 6-3/275, Sr.; Barret Robbins, T, 6-4/292, Sr.; John Washington, WR, 5-9/155, Soph.; Chuck Wills, G, 6-4/300, Sr. **Defense (10):** Reggie Anderson, LB, 6-2/225, Sr.; Brian Brooks, NT, 6-2/275, Sr.; Aaron Burton, T, 6-3/245, Soph.; Marvel Hopes, FS, 5-10/175, Jr.; Lenoy Jones, LB, 6-3/194, Jr.; Charles McWilliams, CB, 6-0/175, Jr.; Mike Moulton, LB, 6-2/225, Sr.; Chris Piland, E, 6-4/220, Jr.; Tyrone Roy, LB, 6-2/225, Jr.; Royal West, T, 6-3/280, Sr. **Kickers:** None. **Other key returnees:** Derrick Cullors, TB, Jr. (RS/leg); Greg Harriss, TE, Jr. (RS/knee); Mikyha Martin, CB, Jr. (RS/shoulder); Chance McCarty, QB, Soph.; Jimmy Oliver, FL, Sr.; Ryan Tucker, TE, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Chris Brasfield, WR, Jr. (transfer/Texas-El Paso); Beau Stephens, K/P, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** At North Carolina, Sept. 3; at New Mexico, Sept. 10; Kansas, Sept. 17; Texas, Sept. 24; Baylor, Oct. 1; at Tulane, Oct. 15; at Houston, Oct. 22; Rice, Oct. 29; at Southern Methodist, Nov. 12; at Texas A&M, Nov. 19; Texas Tech, Nov. 25.

**Last league title won:** 1959.

**Site:** Fort Worth, Tex.



Texas Christian is looking to Jimmy Oliver for help on kickoff returns.

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TEXAS TECH

**Offensive strengths:** Dick Winder is the team's top returnee, but he's the offensive coordinator and rarely makes it on the field. Red-shirt freshman quarterback Tony Darden is a young Robert Hall and incoming rookie Byron Hanspard could be another Bam Morris. Unfortunately for the Red Raiders, the newcomers may be of help later rather than sooner.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Texas Tech is devoid of experience at all the skill positions (only one returning wide receiver has caught a pass). There are just two returnees on the line, and one of them, Scott Fitzgerald, has been moved from guard to center.

**Defensive strengths:** The Red Raiders have big playmakers in excellent pass-rushing end Damon Wickware, speedy linebackers Anthony Armour, Zach Thomas and Shawn Banks and talented rover Marcus Coleman, who was out of school last spring. They must carry this team early.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The secondary is suspect and Wickware is the lone threat to quarterbacks.

**Special teams:** Senior Jon Davis is the league's premier place-kicker and has excellent range (two 50-yarders last season). The punting battle is wide open. Junior college transfer Tony Wilson may be used to spruce up a lackluster return game.

**Key to success:** With only three starters back on offense, the youngsters must mature rapidly. The Red Raiders have to replace sensational players at wide receiver, quarterback and tailback.

**Outlook:** With games against Nebraska and Oklahoma in the second and third weeks, Texas Tech can ill afford its usual slow start and count on its usual strong finish. The



bright side is that after three consecutive second-place SWC finishes, the Red Raiders really have no pressure on them.

**Coach Spike Dykes says:** "This is just a major rebuilding year. We've got names on their helmets. We have to get better and do it fast. But I don't think it's out of the realm of possibility we can be decent."

**RED RAIDERS DATA** Coach: Spike Dykes (41-38-1, 7 years).  
1993 record: 6-6 (lost to Oklahoma in Hancock Bowl). SWC: 5-2/T2nd.

**Key losses:** Peter Allen, OG; Dusty Beavers, NT; Brad Elam, C; Robert Hall, QB; Bruce Hill, FB; Lloyd Hill, SE; Shawn Jackson, DE; Derrell Mitchell, FL; Byron (Bam) Morris, TB (declared for NFL draft); Stacey Petrich, OT.

**Starters returning: Offense (3):** Scott Ayler, TE, 6-4/241, Sr.; Scott Fitzgerald, G (will move to C), 6-2/262, Sr.; Jeff Wood, T, 6-5/291, Sr. **Defense (9):** Cat Adams, CB, 5-8/170, Sr.; Anthony Armour, LB, 6-0/200, Jr.; Shawn Banks, LB, 6-2/216, Jr.; Dewayne Bryant, FS, 6-0/195, Sr.; Marcus Coleman, S, 6-2/202, Jr.; Stephen Gaines, T, 6-3/300, Sr.; Shawn Hurd, CB, 5-8/171, Jr.; Zach Thomas, LB, 6-0/223, Jr.; Damon Wickware, E, 6-3/249, Sr. **Kickers (1):** Jon Davis, K, 5-11/198, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Tyrone Brooks, NT, Sr.; Ed Hendrix, OG, Jr.; Ben Kaufman, OT, Soph.; Byron Wright, DE, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Bo Adams, FL, Jr. (RS/JC); Michael Cosey, TB, Jr. (JC); Tony Darden, QB, Fr. (RS); Adrian Ervin, TB, Soph. (JC); Byron Hanspard, RB, Fr.; Rod Hobbs, FB, Jr. (JC); Zebbie Lethridge, QB, Fr. (RS); Malcolm McKenzie, WR, Fr.; J.T. Sprouse, OT, Jr. (JC); Tony Wilson, CB, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** New Mexico, Sept. 3; Nebraska, Sept. 8; at Oklahoma, Sept. 17; Southern Methodist, Sept. 24; at Texas A&M, Oct. 1; at Rice, Oct. 8; Baylor, Oct. 22; Texas, Oct. 29; Southwestern Louisiana, Nov. 12; Houston (in San Antonio, Tex.), Nov. 19; at Texas Christian, Nov. 25.

**Last league title won:** 1976.

**Site:** Lubbock, Tex.

## SMU

**Offensive strengths:** As its offensive line becomes stronger, Southern Methodist is running the ball more often, allowing fewer sacks and reducing its turnover ratio. Swift-footed quarterback Ramon Flanigan is a dangerous runner and wide receiver Brian Berry, when healthy, is one of the league's top deep threats.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Flanigan is a dangerous passer, too. He threw as many interceptions as touchdowns last season (eight each) and likes to run too much. The Mustangs don't have a break-it runner or much depth at receiver.

**Defensive strengths:** Last year's weakness—linebacker—has become this year's strength. Chris Bordano is a rising star who is 15 pounds heavier than a year ago. B.J. Stankovich and Craig Swann are coming off knee surgery. Redshirt freshman Jason Evans should become an impact player on the line. The defensive backs are decent, but they're required to make too many tackles.

**Defensive weaknesses:** There's precious little experience on the front line, which is faster and needs to be. SMU gets pushed around more than a 98-pound weakling at the beach and does not create enough turnovers. Freshmen will have to help right away in the secondary, and that's not a good sign.

**Special teams:** The Ponies are hurting following the loss of an All-America kicker and their punter. They're counting, probably too heavily, on true freshman punter Anthony Scotti and place-kicker Ben Crosland, a strong-legged transfer from North Carolina. Erwin Wilburn is a better receiver than he is a returner, which is why SMU ranked 100th in punt returns in Division I-A.

**Keys to success:** As usual, the Mustangs have to get stronger up front and hope they

find magic in their new kickers.

**Outlook:** After losing by only eight points to Rose Bowl-bound Wisconsin last year, SMU remains the grittiest team in the SWC. The Mustangs play four of their first six games on the road against teams like Arkansas and UCLA. They have a blue-collar work ethic but usually a black-and-blue Sunday.

**Coach Tom Rossley says:** "We want to win more than we lose. We want to win at least six games and get in a bowl game. If we can get off to a good start, we'll know we're for real."

**MUSTANGS DATA** Coach: Tom Rossley (8-23-2, 3 years).

1993 record: 2-7-2. SWC: 1-5-1/T7th.

**Key losses:** Byron Bonds, DT; Larry Israel, P; Chad Patton, DE; John Stewart, K; Jeremy Stout, OG; Adam Voyles, DE.

**Starters returning: Offense (11):** Brian Berry, WR, 5-11/185, Sr.; Keith Chiles, G, 5-11/320, Soph.; Bryan Craig, T, 6-3/280, Jr.; Ramon Flanigan, QB, 6-1/170, Soph.; Brannon Kidd, C, 6-4/275, Soph.; Tony Ned, T, 6-3/290, Sr.; Mick Rossley, WR, 6-0/175, Sr.; Kevin Shepard, RB, 5-11/195, Sr.; Kevin Thoral, WR, 6-2/180, Jr.; James Whitmore, WR, 5-9/165, Jr.; Erwin Wilburn, WR, 5-10/175, Sr. **Defense (7):** Michael Armore, CB, 5-10/190, Sr.; Chris Bordano, LB, 6-2/220, Soph.; Vernon Edwards, T, 6-5/260, Sr.; Cagan Morgan, LB, 6-1/240, Jr.; Ken Neill, FS, 5-11/195, Jr.; Cornell Parker, CB, 5-11/185, Jr.; Rodney Watkins, SS, 5-10/195, Sr. **Kickers:** None.

**Other key returnees:** Mark Eldred, QB, Jr.; Jason Holz, OT, Soph.; Brian Kennedy, DT, Jr.; Greg Shea, OG, Sr.; Jacques Smith, RB, Sr.; B.J. Stankovich, LB, Sr. (RS/knee); Craig Swann, LB, Jr. (RS/knee).

**Top newcomers:** Ben Crosland, K, Jr. (transfer/North Carolina); Vaughn Dickerson, WR, Fr. (RS); Jason Evans, DE, Fr. (RS); Ahmad Hayes, DT, Fr. (RS); Glenn Ivey, OT, Fr. (RS); Chris James, QB, Fr. (RS); Anthony Scotti, P, Fr.; Dray Wilson, C, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** At Arkansas (in Little Rock, Ark.), Sept. 3; at UCLA, Sept. 10; New Mexico, Sept. 17; at Texas Tech, Sept. 24; North

Carolina, Oct. 1; at Baylor, Oct. 8; Houston, Oct. 15; at Texas, Oct. 22; Texas A&M (in San Antonio, Tex.), Oct. 29; at Rice, Nov. 5; Texas Christian, Nov. 12.

**Last league title won:** 1984.

**Site:** Dallas.

## RICE

**Offensive strengths:** Swift running back Yoncy Edmonds ran for more than 900 yards last season. Quarterback Josh LaRocca started two games as a freshman in 1992 and has the head and arm to ease the departure of Bert Emanuel.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Except for junior tackle Chris Cooley, who was switched to guard, the line is ordinary. It could become an extraordinary problem for LaRocca if Rice starts allowing more than three sacks a game again. The receivers look good in the 40 but drop too many passes.

**Defensive strengths:** The Owls have rugged, active linebackers in Emmett Waldron and Larry Izzo. Defensive back Bobby Dixon broke up 11 passes, third most in the league last year, and is always around the ball.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Still suspect in the line, Rice gets run over regularly and will so again. The secondary misses too many tackles.

**Special teams:** The Owls struggled with two freshman kickers last year. Punter Tucker Phillips' 36-yard average was the worst in the league and kicker Johnny Bagwell made only 10 field goals all season. Return man

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Swift-footed Southern Methodist quarterback Roman Flanigan is a dangerous runner. But he's also a dangerous passer. He threw as many interceptions as touchdowns last season (eight) and likes to run too much.



Jimmy Lee had the team's only 50-yard run last season—but it came out of the backfield. **Key to success:** The Owls must play better defense. They ranked 70th in the nation in scoring defense last year with a coach (Fred Goldsmith, now at Duke) who was a former defensive coordinator. Rice allowed a SWC-high average of 32.3 points in seven league games.

**Outlook:** Two consecutive 6-5 seasons give Rice a shot at three straight winning years for the first time since it posted five in a row from 1946-50. The Owls are hoping new Coach Ken Hatfield, Goldsmith's former boss at Arkansas, can take them to their first bowl game since 1961.

**Coach Ken Hatfield says:** "Rice and A&M are the only two teams in the league to have winning seasons the past two years. We have some excellent wide receivers and tight ends, but everything evolves around the quarterback. We don't have much size on defense, but we'll make up for it by running to the football."

**OWLS DATA** Coach: Ken Hatfield (first year; 113-62-3 overall, 15 years).

1993 record: 6-5. SWC: 3-4/T4th.

**Key losses:** Nathan Bennett, FS; Herschel Crowe, WR; Mike Ecklund, OG; Bert Emanuel, QB; Jimmy Golden, OT; Tom Hetherington, C; Corey Seymour, DT; Michael Shirk, DE; Sean Washington, SS.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (7):** Emerson Allen, WR, 5-6/155, Jr.; Chris Cooley, G, 6-5/290, Jr.; Yoncy Edmonds, RB, 5-8/185, Jr.; Bobby Gray, G, 6-4/280, Sr.; Ed Howard, WR, 6-4/195, Sr.; Jimmy Lee, WR, 5-9/175, Sr.; Clemente Torres, TE, 6-4/235, Sr. **Defense (7):** Joe Davis, LB, 6-1/210, Jr.; Bobby Dixon, DB, 6-0/175, Jr.; Brynton Goynes, NG, 6-4/245, Jr.; Larry Izzo, LB, 6-0/210, Jr.; Deric Rutherford, E, 6-2/225, Sr.; Jeff Sowell, SS, 5-11/180, Jr.; Emmett Waldron, LB, 6-2/220, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Johnny Bagwell, K, 5-9/160, Soph.; Tucker Phillips, P, 6-0/200, Soph.

**Other key returnees:** Everett Burton, OT, Jr.; Byron Coston, RB, Sr.; Brendon Fitzgerald, OG, Sr.; Warrick Franklin, DB, Soph.; Spencer George, RB, Soph.; Dana Hogan, DB, Sr.; Ndukwe Kalu, DE, Soph.; Josh LaRocca, QB, Jr.; Jeff Mercer, LB, Sr.; Aaron Stanley, FS, Soph.; Jeremy Thigpen, C/OG, Soph.; Jason Winship, DT, Soph.; Adam Zylman, LB, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Johnny Golden, DE, Fr. (RS); Brent Huffman, DB, Fr.; Chad Nelson, QB, Fr.; Paki Nelson, C, Fr. (RS); Jeff Venghaus, WR, Fr. (RS); Richard Williams, OT, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** Tulane, Sept. 10; at Kansas State, Sept. 17; at Iowa State, Sept. 24; Texas Tech, Oct. 8; Texas, Oct. 15; at Texas A&M, Oct. 22; at Texas Christian, Oct. 29; Southern Methodist, Nov. 5; Baylor, Nov. 12; at Navy, Nov. 19; at Houston, Nov. 26. **Last league title won:** 1957.

Site: Houston.

## HOUSTON

**Offensive strengths:** Houston has two of the league's better and bigger tackles in Jim Herndon and Billy Milner. The Cougars like the accuracy of quarterback Chuck Clements, even though he threw 10 interceptions in an understudy role last year. Running back Jermaine Williams, a junior college transfer, has herky-jerky power.

**Offensive weaknesses:** The Cougars scored only 10 rushing touchdowns last season and may be hard-pressed to match that given an undersized line whose depth is skimpier than Madonna's outfits. The receivers are average.

**Defensive strengths:** Cornerback Delmonico Montgomery can keep pace with most receivers but may be moved to free safety. Gerome Williams is a big, physical strong safety who may be playing this game for a long time.

**Defensive weaknesses:** There's not an experienced linebacker in the house, which could force Houston to gamble a lot with blitzes. The Cougars had only 15 sacks last year and don't strike much fear in opposing quarterbacks.

**Special teams:** Trace Craft made only six field goals and has little range beyond 40 yards. Since the coaching staff has little faith in him or Jason Stoft, last year's kickoff man, true freshmen will receive crash courses.

**Key to success:** The Cougars must find some offensive linemen to develop a running game that defenses will respect. If they don't, Clements will have little breathing room and last year's disastrous minus-21 turnover ratio could be repeated.

**Outlook:** With his team in the throes of a major transition, Coach Kim Helton has discarded the run-and-shoot offense for a more orthodox, disciplined, straight-ahead style. The off-season program he started was so rigorous that eight players quit the team. So many freshmen will play for Houston this season fans will swear this is the junior varsity.

**Coach Kim Helton says:** "We'll probably end up starting five or six freshmen on defense. We're young because no one else is here. It's a fact, so there's no sense lying awake at night about it."

**COUGARS DATA** Coach: Kim Helton (1-9-1, 1 year).

1993 record: 1-9-1. SWC: 1-5-1/T7th.

**Key losses:** Allen Aldridge, LB; John W. Brown, CB; Darrell

Clapp, OG; Stephen Dixon, DT; Donald Douglas, FS; Keith Jack, WR; Nahala Johnson, DE; Jimmy Klingler, QB (declared for NFL draft); Ryan McCoy, LB; Michael Newhouse, LB; Kenny Robbins, OG; Lamar Smith, RB; Sherman Smith, WR; Marcus Vidrine, C. **Starters returning:** **Offense (4):** Daniel Adams, WR, 6-0/173, Sr.; Jim Herndon, T, 6-8/280, Jr.; Billy Milner, T, 6-8/295, Sr.; Joey Mouton, WR, 5-10/170, Soph.; **Defense (4):** John H. Brown, CB, 6-2/184, Sr.; Marlon Fouts, E, 6-0/250, Jr.; Eric Harrison, T, 6-0/276, Sr.; Gerome Williams, SS, 6-0/196, Jr. **Kickers (1):** Trace Craft, K, 6-0/171, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Truett Akin, OG, Jr.; Chuck Clements, QB, Soph.; Otis Grant, DE, Soph.; Tommy Guy, FB, Sr.; Demond James, LB, Sr.; Dedric Mathis, CB, Jr.; Thomas McGaughey, FS, Jr.; Lawrence McPherson, RB, Jr.; Mike Meux, DE, Sr.; Delmonico Montgomery, CB, Soph.; Julian Pitre, WR, Sr.; Ulric Roberson, DT, Soph.; David Roberts, OG, Soph.; Charles Spencer, TE, Sr.; Jason Stoft, PK, Jr.; Charles West, SS, Soph.; Steven Williams, DT, Jr.

**Top newcomers:** William Foster, OL, Fr. (RS); Josh Hardee, OL, Fr. (RS); Bryant Henderson, RB, Jr. (JC/underwent knee surgery; could miss entire season); Chris Herold, TE, Jr. (JC); Chris Jones, LB, Jr. (RS/JC); Michael Jones, FS, Fr. (RS); Sammy Laury, RB, Jr. (JC); George Pratt, LB, Jr. (RS/JC); Bruce Thompson, DT, Fr. (RS); Brad Tincher, LB, Fr. (RS); Jermaine Williams, RB, Jr. (JC); Brad Woodard, QB, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** Kansas, Sept. 1; at Louisiana Tech, Sept. 10; Missouri, Sept. 17; at Ohio State, Sept. 24; Texas A&M, Oct. 8; at Southern Methodist, Oct. 15; Texas Christian, Oct. 22; at Baylor, Oct. 29; at Texas, Nov. 12; at Texas Tech (in San Antonio, Tex.), Nov. 19; Rice, Nov. 26.

**Last league title won:** 1984.

Site: Houston. ♦



Houston junior Jim Herndon is one of the Southwest Conference's better and bigger offensive tackles. That's good, because most of the Cougars' line lacks depth and is undersized.

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# SCOUTING THE SOUTHWEST

SOUTHWEST  
DIVISION I-A

**Ascending:** Texas and Baylor. The Longhorns haven't been to a bowl game since the 1990 season, but with 18 starters back, they're a strong bet to go this year. Second-year Coach Chuck Reedy has had back-to-back excellent recruiting classes at Baylor, and his Bears are strong contenders to reach the Cotton Bowl for the first time since January 1981.

## Descending:

Texas Tech and Texas A&M. Devastated by graduation and the NFL draft, the Red Raiders have more holes than a golf course. The Aggies, beset by a five-year NCAA probation, have an almost entirely rebuilt coaching staff and gaping holes in their offensive and defensive lines. Why isn't Houston descending? It already has.

**Nightmare schedule:** Southern Methodist. The Mustangs play an improved Arkansas team, powerful UCLA, resurgent New Mexico and tough North Carolina. The breather comes when SWC play starts.

**Dream schedule:** Baylor. Freedom Bowl winner Southern California will be tough, but the Bears match up very well, thank you, against Louisiana Tech, San Jose State and Oklahoma State.

**Best matchup of the year:** Texas vs. Oklahoma on October 8 in Dallas. As a precursor to future "Big 12" conference wars, the site of this game is the only thing that's neutral. Can this rivalry get any more hostile? Now that Barry Switzer is living in Dallas, probably.

**Worst matchup of the year:** Texas Tech vs. Nebraska, September 8. The Cornhuskers shucked the Red Raiders, 50-27, last season, and now that Spike Dykes' team is in a rebuilding mode, fans will need their calculators to keep up with this one.

**Shocker of the year:** Any Houston victory has to be considered a shocker, but the Cougars could well knock off Texas A&M in the Astrodome on October 8. Why? The Aggies always play scared indoors.

**Bowl bound:** Texas and Baylor should make it, but remember it was only last year when the SWC couldn't come up with three teams having the necessary six Division I triumphs to qualify for postseason play. History could repeat itself.

**Biggest shoes to fill:** Those belonging to Byron (Bam) Morris. The Texas Tech running back's 1,752 yards and 22 touchdowns will be impossible to replace, but true freshman Byron Hanspard will get first crack. Yes, back-to-back Byrons could lead the SWC in rushing.

**Most underrated player:** Texas linebacker Kevin Watler. He has undergone more knee operations than he has knees, and he still can beat most running backs to the hole. He is back for a rare sixth season.

**Impact newcomers:** Chris Akins, DL, Texas, Fr.; Nikia Codie, DB, Baylor, Fr.; Philip Dawson, PK, Texas, Fr. (RS); Jerod

Douglas, RB, Baylor, Fr.; Trent Driver, LB, Texas A&M, Fr.; Russell Gaskamp, OL/DL, Texas, Fr.; Byron Hanspard, RB, Texas Tech, Fr.; Bryant Henderson, RB, Houston, Jr. (JC); Malcolm McKenzie, WR, Texas Tech, Fr.; Jeff Watson, QB, Baylor, Fr.; Jermaine Williams, RB, Houston, Jr. (JC); Pat Williams, DL, Texas A&M, Jr. (JC).

## HONOR ROLL

<b>Best offensive line:</b> Texas	<b>Best secondary:</b> Texas
<b>Best offensive backfield:</b> Texas A&M	<b>Best-hitting defensive back:</b> Michael Hendricks, Texas A&M
<b>Best backup quarterback:</b> James Brown, Texas	<b>Best kicking game:</b> Texas
<b>Best wide receivers:</b> Texas	<b>Best kick-coverage units:</b> Texas Tech
<b>Best clutch receiver:</b> Mike Adams, Texas	<b>Best coaching staff:</b> Texas Tech
<b>Best defensive line:</b> Baylor	<b>Best coach:</b> R.C. Slocum, Texas A&M
<b>Best-hitting defensive lineman:</b> Tony Brackens, Texas	<b>Best Heisman candidate:</b> Mike Adams, WR, Texas
<b>Best linebackers:</b> Texas Tech	<b>Best pro prospect:</b> Leeland McElroy, RB, Texas A&M
<b>Best-hitting linebacker:</b> Zach Thomas, Texas Tech	

## RETURNING LEADERS

**Rushing:** Rodney Thomas, Texas A&M, 90.6 yds./game (191 att., 996 yds., 13 TDs, 5.2 avg.).

**Passing efficiency:** Corey Pullig, Texas A&M, 134.0 rating pts. (243 att., 144 comp., 1,732 yds., 17 TDs).

**Total offense:** Shea Morenz, Texas, 215.0 yds./game (24 yds. rushing, 2,341 yds. passing, 2,365 total yds.).

**Receiving:** Mike Adams, Texas, 4.7 rec./game (52 rec., 908 yds., 7 TDs, 17.5 avg.).

**Scoring:** Jon Davis, Texas Tech, 7.6 pts./game (0 TDs, 45 PATs, 13 FGs, 84 pts.) and Leeland McElroy, Texas A&M, 7.6 pts./game (14 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 84 pts.).

**Punting:** Duane Vacek, Texas, 41.2 avg. (46 punts, 1,894 yds.).

**Punt returns:** Mike Adams, Texas, 9.9 avg. (26 att., 256 yds., 1 TD).

**Kickoff returns:** Leeland McElroy, Texas A&M, 39.3 avg. (15 att., 590 yds., 3 TDs).

**Field goals:** Jon Davis, Texas Tech, 1.2 FGs/game (13/16 FGs, 81%).

**Interceptions:** Chris Carter, Texas, .36 int./game (4 int., 84 yds., 0 TDs).

**Coach of the year:** Tom Rossley, SMU. If this guy is ever blessed with the talent he has to coach against, look out. He's not long for the Mustangs.

**Coach on the hot seat:** John Mackovic, Texas. Now in his third year with the Longhorns, Mackovic claims he's still in a rebuilding process. If he doesn't get the Long-

horns into their first bowl since 1990, fans will build him a freeway out of town.

**Best bets:** Texas A&M players will learn the names of their new coaches by November. Last year's offensive coordinator, Bob Toledo, was fired and went to UCLA along

with former line coach Mike Sherman. Defensive coordinator Bob Davie and linebacker coach Kirk Doll went to Notre Dame, and three other coaches moved to the NFL. . . . Rice's Josh LaRocca will outplay his predecessor at quarterback, Bert Emanuel. . . . Texas Tech will start the season slowly before challenging for a fourth consecutive second-place finish. . . . Texas A&M running back Leeland McElroy will return five kickoffs for touchdowns—and that's just against Rice. . . . Longhorns wide receiver Mike Adams will catch 80 passes but would like to grab 100. . . . Baylor tailback Kalief Muhammad will become a star. . . . Texas Tech linebacker Zach Thomas will lead the league in tackles after being voted the Red Raiders' most improved player in spring practice. . . . New Rice Coach Ken Hatfield will wonder why he ever left Arkansas, much less Clemson. . . . Texas Christian backup quarterback Chance McCarty will throw an 80-yard touchdown pass, with all of the yardage coming in the air. . . . Texas A&M, which hasn't lost a SWC game since 1990, will lose once, maybe twice.

**Odds and ends:** Chris Akins, a 310-pound defensive-line recruit at Texas, can benchpress 455 pounds. . . . Texas A&M running back Rodney Thomas has 30 career touchdowns. He needs eight more to crack the SWC's all-time top 10 in scoring. . . . Leeland McElroy accounted for 21 of the Aggies' 60 plays that went for more than 20 yards last season. . . . Houston's 37 turnovers led to 144 points for its opponents last season. The Cougars' 14 takeaways netted one touchdown for them. . . . Texas quarterback Shea Morenz led the Longhorns' baseball team in home runs and runs batted in last spring. He was the team's starting right fielder. . . . SMU's Mick Rossley (a receiver) and Houston's Clay Helton (a quarterback) play for their fathers, while Texas Tech's Rick Dykes and Texas A&M's Shawn Slocum coach for theirs. . . . Half of the league's coaches—Mackovic, Hatfield, Helton and TCU's Pat Sullivan—have been in the SWC for two seasons or less. ♦

—KIRK BOHLS



Texas Tech's Jon Davis is the SWC's premier place-kicker and has excellent range.



# Regardless of its size, the WAC is ruled by BYU

By TOM KRASOVIC

San Diego Union-Tribune

In two years, six more schools will join the Western Athletic Conference, meaning this WACky league will then boast more teams (16) playing in more time zones (four) than any league in NCAA history. Rice, Texas Christian and Southern Methodist—all currently members of the dying Southwest Conference—are scheduled to join UNLV, Tulsa and San Jose State in the WAC in 1996.

The six new kids on the block could learn a few things by watching WAC dean Brigham Young, which rules this league even when it's weak.

In 1992, the Cougars won a share of the WAC title even though severe injuries stripped them of three quarterbacks. An even worse wave of injuries swept the team last year, but no matter. Coach LaVell Edwards, in his 22nd season at BYU, scaled the WAC for the 17th time and his Cougars wound up in their 11th Holiday Bowl.

Still, the scars remain. A loss to Ohio State in the Holiday Bowl dropped BYU's record to 6-6, giving Edwards his first non-winning season since the Cougars finished 5-6 in 1973.

"I don't ever want to go through a year like that again," said Edwards, who turns 64 in October but intends to coach into the new WAC order and beyond.

A conference that sent juniors Marshall Faulk, Trent Dilfer and Darnay Scott to the NFL last spring will trot out offensive stars again this fall. Chief among them is BYU quarterback John Walsh, a 6-foot-4 junior whom NFL scouts rate as a far better prospect than Cougar icon and Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer.

BYU publicists aren't pushing Walsh for the Heisman this season, but WAC offenses again will push the envelope. San Diego State Coach Ted Tollner, a former BYU aide, will deploy a base, no-huddle attack that is unique in major college football.

But will anyone, anywhere, tackle anybody? BYU yielded an average of 476 yards and 37 points last season, and UCLA trampled the Cougars and Aztecs by a combined score of 120-27. Soggy defenses also were telling in the postseason, when the WAC went 0-4 in bowl games.

Edwards thinks defensive end Mike Ulu-fale, a junior who sat out last season to study more, will help prevent more tramlings. Even a decent defense should be enough to send BYU to at least a share of its sixth straight WAC title.

"We signed 23 players and 17 are defensive players," Edwards said. "Hopefully, that will help us."

## BRIGHAM YOUNG

**Offensive strengths:** The Cougars enter the season with a seasoned, star quarterback for the first time in three years. John Walsh completed 62 percent of his passes last year for 3,727 yards and 28 touchdowns as BYU averaged 35.5 points. His most dangerous target should be Chad Lewis, a speedy tight

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1. BRIGHAM YOUNG
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end who gets the better of safeties and linebackers. A hulking line features one of the biggest tackle duos in history in 6-foot-8, 335-pound Eli Herring and 6-8, 350-pound Will Knight. Running back Hema Heimuli is tough and versatile.

**Offensive weaknesses:** BYU's usually stout rushing game faltered last year, when it averaged a WAC-worst 2.9 yards per carry. It won't improve until running back Jamal Willis proves he isn't fragile and the linemen quicken their maneuvers.

**Defensive strengths:** Massive junior college imports John Raass and Mike Ulu-fale should combine with veterans Randy Brock

and Travis Hall to form a decent front. Injured in a car accident last year, cornerback Greg Steele is fit and ready.

**Defensive weaknesses:** BYU's defense was injury-battered and pathetic during stretches last season, no more so than when it allowed 44 or more points in five straight games. If a quartet of junior college linebackers fails to make plays, the slow Cougars again will bleed big points.

**Special teams:** A shaky kicking game caused BYU's players to look away during field-goal attempts in practices during Holiday Bowl week, but the players can bear to watch now. Place-kicker David Lauder has resolved the personal problems that sidelined him last year and punter Alan Boardman averaged 43 yards a kick.

**Key to success:** A quick start. LaVell Edwards wasn't happy about having to begin last season with four consecutive WAC games, but victories in those games offset a later swoon and carried BYU into the Holiday Bowl. The Cougars again open with four league games, and they'll be tough to catch if they win them all.

**Outlook:** Thanks to Walsh and one of the snappiest offenses in the nation, BYU is still the team to beat. It's unlikely the Cougars will suffer as many key injuries as they did last year, when BYU failed to win eight games for the first time since 1975. A trio of talented defensive players who sat out last season can only improve a unit that finished 103rd in scoring defense last season.

**Coach LaVell Edwards says:** "We've got a chance to challenge for the conference championship again, and I think we'll be right there."

**COUGARS DATA** Coach: LaVell Edwards (197-73-3, 22 years).

**1993 record:** 6-6 (lost to Ohio State in Holiday Bowl). WAC: 6-2/1st.

**Key losses:** Tyler Anderson, WR; Eric Drage, WR; Mike Empey, OT; Lenny Gomes, NG; Kalin Hall, FB; Nathan Hall, LB; Todd Harget, LB; Joe Herrick, P/K; Ron Simmons, C; Vic Tarleton, CB. **Starters returning:** **Offense (6):** Jim Edwards, G, 6-4/275, Sr.; Eli Herring, T, 6-8/335, Sr.; Evan Pilgrim, G, 6-5/285, Sr.; Terence Saluone, TE, 6-3/225, Jr.; John Walsh, QB, 6-4/210, Jr.; Jamal Willis, RB, 6-3/220, Sr. **Defense (7):** Randy Brock, T, 6-6/250, Sr.; Cory Cook, FS, 6-1/185, Sr.; Jack Damuni, SS, 6-0/190, Sr.; Travis Hall, E, 6-6/250, Sr.; Patrick Mitchell, CB, 6-0/160, Sr.; Shay Muirbrook, LB, 6-0/230, Soph.; Greg Pitts, T, 6-5/280, Sr. **Kickers (1):** Alan Boardman, P, 6-0/190, Soph.

**Other key returnees:** Steve Clements, QB, Sr.; Bryce Doman, WR, Sr.; Elias Faupula, OG, Jr. (RS/depth); Tim Hanshaw, OG, Sr.; Hema Heimuli, FB, Jr.; Will Knight, OT, Jr. (RS/late entry to school); David Lauder, K, Sr. (RS/personal reasons); Chad Lewis, TE, Soph.; Tim Nowatzke, WR, Sr.; Morris Unutoa, C, Jr.; Duane Williams, DT, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Tefua Bloomfield, RB, Fr. (RS); McKay Christensen, WR, Fr.; Jim Freeland, LB, Jr. (JC); Ed Lamb, LB, Jr. (JC); John Raass, NG, Jr. (JC); Stan Raass, LB, Jr. (JC); Greg Steele, CB, Fr. (RS/medical); Mike Ulu-fale, DE, Jr. (RS/late entry to school).

**Schedule:** At Hawaii, Sept. 3; at Air Force, Sept. 10; Colorado State, Sept. 17; New Mexico, Sept. 24; Utah State, Sept. 30; at Fresno State, Oct. 8; at Notre Dame, Oct. 15; at Texas-El Paso, Oct. 22; Arizona State, Oct. 29; Northeast Louisiana, Nov. 5; San Diego State, Nov. 10; at Utah, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1993.

**Site:** Provo, Utah.



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## UTAH

**Offensive strengths:** Mike McCoy is making a prophet out of the late George Allen.



Recruited by Allen to Long Beach State, McCoy transferred to Utah after Long Beach State dropped football. Since then, the slender, smart McCoy has blossomed into one of the nation's best quarterbacks. He finished second nationally in total offense a year ago, but he's no more valuable to the Utes than is the versatile Henry Lusk, who could see duty at running back, tight end and receiver. Center Lance Scott, tackle Anthony Brown and guard Roy Ma'afala power the conference's top blocking unit.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Utah's coaches were a tad slow last season to feature fullback Jamal Anderson, who, when given the chance, dominated. Anderson is now gone to the NFL, and untested juniors Charlie Brown and Rob Hamilton will try to fill the void. Freshman Sylvester Cooperwood could supply flash and dash but must become eligible.

**Defensive strengths:** The workaholic Luther Elliss is a WAC rarity: a defensive stud. He and fellow end Bronzell Miller should wreak havoc on opposing backfields. Linebacker Mark Rexford quarterbacked the defense and led the Utes with 112 tackles. Cornerback Ernest Boyd led the WAC in interceptions with six.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Tackles Pouha Finau and Toele Fa'amoe excite the coaches but they're untested. Safety Jeff Kirkman is a head-knocker and cornerback Kareem Leary can shadow, but both have proved fragile. Miller disappeared during long stretches last season.

**Special teams:** The kicker whose 55-yard field goal defeated BYU last season, Chris Yergensen, is gone, but his replacement (Brian Alba) has better range overall. Punter Jason Jones can outboot most of his WAC colleagues but has shaky hands.

**Keys to success:** Good health. Prone to injuries and inconsistency, Utah could go a long way with fewer injuries and a steadier effort. McCoy, for one, needs to fully recover from an April operation for a pinched blood vessel in his rib area. Finding a running back is a must, too.

**Outlook:** Utah has never had a better chance to win the WAC and a trip to the Holiday Bowl. The Utes hadn't been to a bowl since 1964 before McBride escorted them to the Copper and Freedom bowls in the last two years. If they don't wilt under the rare, high expectations, they should challenge BYU for the WAC crown.

**Coach Ron McBride says:** "The team has a chance to be good and have an excellent season. But everybody has to come through. We can't have a ton of injuries like last year in the secondary."

**UTES DATA** Coach: Ron McBride (24-24, 4 years). 1993 record: 7-6 (lost to Southern California in Freedom Bowl). WAC: 5-3/T4th.

**Key losses:** Jamal Anderson, FB; Blaine Berger, DT; Ed Castillo, OG; Cedric Crawford, SS; Kurt Haws, TE; Pierre Jones, RB; Bryan Rowley, WR; Adam Swaney, DT; Mark Swanson, CB; Cecil Thomas, OT; Chris Yergensen, K.

**Starters returning:** Offense (6): Anthony Brown, T, 6-5/313, Sr.; Deron Claiborne, WR, 5-11/180, Sr.; Henry Lusk, TE, 6-2/220, Sr.; Roy Ma'afala, G, 6-2/263, Sr.; Mike McCoy, QB, 6-3/197, Sr.; Lance Scott, C, 6-3/268, Sr. Defense (7): Ernest Boyd, CB, 6-1/189, Sr.; Luther Elliss, E, 6-5/257, Sr.; Harold Lusk, DB, 6-2/190, Soph.; Bronzell Miller, E, 6-4/235, Sr.; Mark Rexford, LB, 6-2/235, Sr.; Derrick Stapley, LB, 6-2/235, Sr.; Marcus Woods, SS, 5-11/209, Sr. Kickers (1): Jason Jones, P, 5-11/180, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Brian Alba, K, Soph.; Charlie Brown, RB, Jr.; Toele Fa'amoe, DL, Sr.; Pouha Finau, DL, Sr.; Edwin Garette, CB, Sr. (RS/arm); Rob Hamilton, RB, Sr. (RS); Jeff Kirkman, S, Jr. (RS/shoulder); Kareem Leary, CB, Sr. (RS/ankle).



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Workaholic Utah defensive end Luther Elliss is a Western Athletic Conference rarity: a defensive stud. He and fellow end Bronzell Miller should wreak havoc on opposing backfields.

**Top newcomers:** Michael Baukman, DL, Jr. (JC); Sylvester Cooperwood, RB, Soph. (Prop 48); Teneil Ethridge, TB, Fr.; Anthony Hearn, DL, Soph. (Prop 48); Artis Jackson, CB, Jr. (JC); Craig Koontz, DE/LB, Fr.

**Schedule:** At Utah State, Sept. 3; Idaho State, Sept. 10; at Oregon, Sept. 17; Wyoming, Sept. 24; at San Diego State, Oct. 8; Hawaii, Oct. 15; at Colorado State, Oct. 22; at Las-Ala-Paso, Oct. 29; at New Mexico, Nov. 5; at Air Force, Nov. 12; Brigham Young, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** None.

**Site:** Salt Lake City.

## COLORADO STATE

**Offensive strengths:** Fresno State Coach Jim Sweeney likened Rams running back E.J. Watson to another No. 19, Eric Dickerson, after Watson rushed for 210 yards against Sweeney's Bulldogs in his starting debut. Watson isn't a blazer, but he did average more yards per carry (5.7) than San Diego State's Marshall Faulk (5.1). He and two other San Diego imports, quarterback Anthoney Hill and receiver Paul Turner, bloomed late last season. Newcomer Donovan Burks, who excelled in the spring and who might be the WAC's fastest player, will stretch defenses at receiver.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Hill is tough and admired by his teammates, but is he accurate enough to direct Colorado State to the WAC title? He completed fewer than half of his passes (46 percent) and his touchdown-to-interception ratio was mediocre (10-7). Hill also might have to overwork his superb scrambling skills because the line, which lost three starters, is green and short.

**Defensive strengths:** Sonny Lubick, who spent four seasons as the defensive coordinator at Miami (Fla.), has more defensive savvy than most head coaches. His disciplined Rams allowed only 41 points over the last three games and only 132 yards per game rushing. Tackle Steve Hodge and free safety Greg Myers are probably the best the WAC has to offer at those positions.

**Defensive weaknesses:** No one player will fully offset the loss of linebacker Brian

Schneider, who had 11 tackles for losses in only eight games and gave the defense a big boost. Like every WAC team, the Rams probably would implode on defense with only a few injuries.

**Special teams:** Blunders in the kicking game devastated Colorado State last season. Rookie place-kicker David Napier did improve as the season wore on, but punting-wise there are no Ray Guys on this team.

**Keys to success:** Good health and a better kicking game. No WAC team suffered more key injuries than the Rams did in 1993. Budding defensive end Sean Moran also needs to make plays to keep opponents from swarming all over Hodge.

**Outlook:** Seldom has a losing season produced so much optimism. The Rams lost six of their first eight games last season, only to bounce back to win their final three, including a rout of host Wyoming that knocked the Cowboys out of the Holiday Bowl. Defensively, Lubick took a slowish group and molded it into an crack unit that returns nine starters, and the Rams' one-back offense produced an average of 439 yards over the final four games. Colorado State should be on the verge of its first winning season since 1990.

**Coach Sonny Lubick says:** "Let's just see how tough we really are. Can we go out there and contend? The other teams may take us more seriously now, and you've got to play like hell to beat teams like BYU or Fresno State. They're good when they're average."

**RAMS DATA** Coach: Sonny Lubick (5-6, 1 year; 26-25 overall, 5 years).

1993 record: 5-6. WAC: 5-3/T4th.

**Key losses:** Bob Cox, C; Mike McGee, P; Steve Norton, DT; Brian Schneider, LB; Mark Smith, TE; Derek Yurosek, OG.

**Starters returning:** Offense (8): Leonice Brown, FB, 5-11/185, Sr.; Jeremy Burkett, RB, 6-1/208, Sr.; Mark Donnelly, G, 6-2/279, Sr.; Brandon Evans, T, 6-3/273, Jr.; Anthoney Hill, QB, 5-11/193, Sr.; Pat Meyer, T, 6-1/287, Sr.; Eric Olsen, WR, 6-1/196, Sr.; Paul Turner, WR, 5-10/183, Soph. Defense (9):

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# PRESEASON ALL-WESTERN ATHLETIC TEAM

## PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

### OFFENSE



**JOHN WALSH**  
QB, Brigham Young

### DEFENSE



**LUTHER ELLISS**  
E, Utah

### NEWCOMERS OF THE YEAR

**OFFENSE:** Will Blackwell, WR, San Diego State

**DEFENSE:** Mike Ulufale, E, Brigham Young

## FIRST TEAM

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	DAVID DUNN, Fresno State	6-3/210	Sr.
WR	CHARLIE JONES, Fresno State	5-10/170	Jr.
TE	HENRY LUSK, Utah	6-2/220	Sr.
T	JASON JAMES, Fresno State	6-5/305	Sr.
T	ANTHONY BROWN, Utah	6-5/313	Sr.
C	LANCE SCOTT, Utah	6-3/268	Sr.
G	EVAN PILGRIM, Brigham Young	6-5/285	Sr.
G	OMAR LOWRANCE, Texas-El Paso	6-0/290	Sr.
QB	JOHN WALSH, Brigham Young	6-4/210	Jr.
RB	E.J. WATSON, Colorado State	5-11/205	Jr.
RB	WINSLOW OLIVER, New Mexico	5-8/172	Jr.

### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	LUTHER ELLISS, Utah	6-5/257	Sr.
DL	STEVE HODGE, Colorado State	6-2/262	Jr.
DL	LA'ROI GLOVER, San Diego State	6-2/275	Jr.
DL	BRENT SCHIEFFER, Wyoming	6-3/255	Sr.
LB	MARK REXFORD, Utah	6-2/235	Sr.
LB	RON PAPAZIAN, Fresno State	6-1/220	Sr.
LB	STEVE RUSS, Air Force	6-6/240	Sr.
DB	GREG MYERS, Colorado State	6-2/189	Jr.
DB	ANDRE STRODE, Colorado State	5-8/170	Sr.
DB	ERNEST BOYD, Utah	6-1/189	Sr.
DB	OMAR STOUTMIRE, Fresno State	5-11/195	Soph.

### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	MARSHALL YOUNG, Texas-El Paso	5-11/194	Jr.
P	STEPHEN WILSON, Hawaii	6-2/185	Sr.
KR	DAVID DUNN, Fresno State	6-3/210	Sr.

## SECOND TEAM

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	J.J. ROWLETT, Texas-El Paso	6-3/212	Sr.
WR	PAUL TURNER, Colorado State	5-10/183	Soph.
TE	DAVID SLOAN, New Mexico	6-7/232	Sr.
T	PAT MEYER, Colorado State	6-1/287	Sr.
T	ELI HERRING, Brigham Young	6-8/335	Sr.
C	JEFF PINNICK, Wyoming	6-3/287	Sr.
G	CHRIS FINCH, San Diego State	6-6/285	Jr.
G	ROY MA'AFALA, Utah	6-2/263	Sr.
QB	STONE CASE, New Mexico	6-3/196	Sr.
RB	RYAN CHRISTOPHERSON, Wyoming	6-0/236	Sr.
RB	JAMAL WILLIS, Brigham Young	6-3/220	Sr.

### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	JAMAL DUFF, San Diego State	6-7/250	Sr.
DL	RANDY BROCK, Brigham Young	6-6/250	Sr.
DL	BUDDY BILLINGSLEY, New Mexico	6-3/233	Soph.
DL	GEORGE TUPULOA, Hawaii	6-2/240	Jr.
LB	JOHNNY HARRISON, Air Force	6-1/215	Sr.
LB	GENE SMITH, Fresno State	6-3/232	Jr.
LB	MARK BROOK, Wyoming	6-5/225	Jr.
DB	PATRICK MITCHELL, Brigham Young	6-0/180	Sr.
DB	BRIAN WATKINS, Air Force	5-7/185	Sr.
DB	RAYMOND JACKSON, Colorado State	6-0/180	Jr.
DB	HAROLD LUSK, Utah	6-2/190	Soph.

### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	PETER HOLT, San Diego State	5-10/170	Soph.
P	ALAN BOARDMAN, Brigham Young	6-0/190	Soph.
KR	RAY PETERSON, San Diego State	5-8/165	Jr.

Vincent Booker, CB, 5-9/185, Sr.; Steve Hodge, T, 6-2/262, Sr.; Kareem Ingram, LB, 5-11/209, Sr.; Scott Lynch, SS, 6-1/198, Jr.; Sean Moran, E, 6-3/245, Jr.; Greg Myers, FS, 6-2/189, Jr.; Kenya Ragsdale, LB, 5-11/218, Sr.; Brady Smith, E, 6-5/240, Jr.; Andre Strode, CB, 5-8/170, Sr. **Kickers (1):** David Napier, K, 6-3/196, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Kirk Bowman, DT, Soph.; James Cregg, OG, Jr.; Raymond Jackson, CB, Jr.; Matt McDougal, P, Soph.; Matt Phillips, WR, Sr.; John Polouski, C, Sr.; Garrett Sand, LB, Jr.; Justin Shull, TE, Soph.; E.J. Watson, FB, Jr.

**Top newcomer:** Donovan Burks, WR, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** At Air Force, Sept. 3; Utah State, Sept. 10; at Brigham Young, Sept. 17; San Diego State, Sept. 24; at New Mexico, Oct. 1; at Arizona, Oct. 8; Texas-El Paso, Oct. 15; Utah, Oct. 22; Wyoming, Nov. 5; Arkansas State, Nov. 12; at Fresno State, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** None.

**Site:** Fort Collins, Colo.

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## FRESNO STATE

**Offensive strengths:** Blocker Jason James, adept at both center and tackle, is among the West's best people-movers. He and receivers David Dunn and Charlie Jones will ensure that NFL scouts make their annual trek to Fresno. The Bulldogs have the WAC's No. 1 group of receivers; keep an eye on junior college import Latario Rachal.

**Offensive weaknesses:** None of the three candidates to replace standout quarterback Trent Dilfer has started a game or taken any key snaps. The coaches have made streaky, agile Adrian Claiborne the starter even though Claiborne has thrown only nine passes and was hobbled by a sore ankle much of last spring. Backup Richie Donati actually has a stronger arm than Dilfer, but both he and Jeff Tuss, a 24-year-old former Montreal Expos farmhand, lack speed and experience. The running backs are untested.

**Defensive strengths:** Trampled the last two

years, this scrappy unit hopes its muscular, athletic secondary and up-the-middle strength will help slow the stampede. Linebacker Ron Papazian, tackle Demetrius Edwards and safety Omar Stoutmire are better than standard WAC fare.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Poor recruiting has told in the trenches. Opponents averaged 218 yards rushing in 1993 and the linebackers, quick but small, could be too fragile to hold up over 13 games. A few injuries might spell disaster.

**Special teams:** With kicker/punter Derek Mahoney gone and his successors suspect, Fresno State might boot away a few games. Dunn, a long strider whose speed improved during the season, compiled a 24.1-yard average on kickoff returns and returned one punt for a touchdown. Rachal returned six kicks for touchdowns in two seasons in junior college. **Key to success:** Dilfer's successor doesn't need to be Dilfer-like, but he must curb mistakes and get the ball to Fresno State's fine receiving corps. Finding even a decent tight end would help, too.

**Outlook:** Fresno State will need some magic to win a share of its third WAC title in as many years. The Bulldogs, however, believe they have two things that will put them in contention: First-year defensive coordinator Leon Burnett, a former head coach at Purdue, is expected to help the defense reduce its mistakes. Also, the schedule doesn't include Utah and features seven games at home. Jim Sweeney turns 65 three days after the opener against Ohio State, but he might want to retire if this bunch wins the WAC championship outright.

**Coach Jim Sweeney says:** "The overall scope is that Fresno State has a massive re-

building job after two years near or at the top of the WAC."

**BULLDOGS DATA** Coach: Jim Sweeney (132-51-2, 16 years; 189-130-3 overall, 29 years). **1993 record:** 8-4 (lost to Colorado in Aloha Bowl). WAC: 6-2/Tst.

**Key losses:** Brad Bell, DE; James Burton, CB; Josh Coldiron, OG; Ron Collins, OT; Anthony Daigle, TB; Trent Dilfer, QB (declared for NFL draft); Kenny Hall, OT; Rus Hartmann, OG; Tommy Jones, CB; Derek Mahoney, P/K; Chris Peters, LB; Ron Rivers, TB; Malcolm Seabron, FL; Sam Watson, SS; Tydus Winans, SE.

**Starters returning: Offense (3):** Jason James, C (moved to T), 6-5/305, Sr.; Charlie Jones, FB, 5-10/170, Jr.; Sal Mejico, FB, 5-10/220, Sr. **Defense (6):** Demetrius Edwards, T, 6-3/285, Sr.; Ron Papazian, LB, 6-1/220, Sr.; Chris Rockwell, E, 6-5/255, Sr.; Gene Smith, LB, 6-3/232, Jr.; Omar Stoutmire, SS, 5-11/195, Soph.; Lance Thomas, FS, 5-11/180, Sr. **Kickers:** None.

**Other key returnees:** Jeff Arnold, TE, Sr.; Alphonso Bigelow, LB, Jr.; Adrian Claiborne, QB, Soph.; Leroy Colbert, DE, Soph.; Andre Deshay, LB, Sr.; Richie Donati, CB, Soph.; David Dunn, SE, Sr.; James Fuller, S, Sr.; Dan Han, OT, Jr.; Todd Koenig, TE, Soph.; Brian Malcolm, OG, Jr.; Brandon Molale, OG, Sr.; Scott Mueller, OT, Soph.; Mike Pittman, TB, Soph.; Darin Preisendorfer, DT, Soph.; Brian Roberson, SE, Soph.; Rio Wells, CB, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Joe Barnes, SS, Soph. (Prop 48); Reggie Brown, TB, Jr. (JC); Chris Conrad, OT, Fr. (RS); Chris Giannetta, OT, Jr. (RS/JC); Woody Green, CB, Fr. (RS); Andre Griggs, LB, Jr. (JC); Jerry Lemon, DL, Fr.; Chris Love, FS, Fr. (RS); Johan Lyssand, K, Fr.; Jerome Oliver, RB, Jr. (JC); Latario Rachal, WR, Jr. (JC); Phillip Tauiliili, OT, Fr. (RS); Jeff Tuss, QB, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** Ohio State, Aug. 29 (Disneyland Pigskin Classic at Anaheim, Calif.); at Jose State, Sept. 3; at Washington State, Sept. 10; Oregon State, Sept. 17; at Hawaii, Sept. 24; Brigham Young, Oct. 8; Wyoming, Oct. 15; at Air Force, Oct. 22; New Mexico, Oct. 29; Nevada, Nov. 5; at Texas-El Paso, Nov. 12; Colorado State, Nov. 19; at San Diego State, Nov. 26.

**Last league title won:** 1993.

**Site:** Fresno, Calif.

## SAN DIEGO STATE

**Offensive strengths:** Quarterback Tim Gutierrez is fitter and more confident than he





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**Fresno State linebacker Ron Papazian is better than standard Western Athletic Conference fare.**

was in his '93 debut season, when he completed 61 percent of his passes for 3,033 yards and 24 touchdowns. Redwood-like lineman Chris Finch will apply lots of muscle. Wayne Pittman isn't as fast as Marshall Faulk, but when Faulk sat out three games as a freshman in 1991, Pittman netted 149.7 yards per game and 5.0 yards per carry. Coach Ted Tollner and offensive coordinator Tom Craft are former college quarterbacks who will fashion a creative offense.

**Offensive weaknesses:** The March arrests and temporary suspensions of four reserve offensive linemen on assault charges and a severe knee injury to reserve center Adam Norberg have weakened the line. Craft's novel, no-huddle offense will be closely watched by many coaches, but it still had kinks in it last spring.

**Defensive strengths:** An athletic-but-smallish line expects big plays from end Jamal Duff, a 250-pounder whose 4.66 time in the 40 is known in NFL circles. The previous staff "tilted" tackle La'Roi Glover, who might flourish this season in a straight-up approach. If acclaimed end Fred Harris, a 22-year-old sophomore, blooms, the line could dominate.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Plenty of bad habits need to be erased, not the least of which are poor tackling and coverage errors. Steve Shafer, an NFL assistant for 11 years, might be the answer as the new defensive coordinator, but his pupils must learn their third scheme in as many years.

**Special teams:** Remember the name: Matt George. Though freshman kicker Peter Holt excelled last season, Tollner invested a scholarship in George, who won All-America recognition in the junior college ranks and said no to Southern Cal. George should win the punting chores from streaky Ed Kaszycki and also challenge Holt.

**Key to success:** Sloppy play undermined the talented teams of former coach Al Luginbill, and Tollner's teams will get nowhere until they block and tackle somebody.

**Outlook:** The Aztecs seldom played up to

their potential in the last two seasons and seemed more relieved than joyous when they won. Perhaps the coaching change, coupled with lighter expectations, will result in crisper, more spirited efforts. But a banner season is too much to expect from a team that allowed a whopping 196 points in its final four games. Tollner must slow the bleeding on defense and retool an offense that lost juniors Marshall Faulk and Darnay Scott, the most prolific all-purpose yardage tandem in NCAA history (10,253), to the NFL.

**Coach Ted Tollner says:** "I want people who want to find out what the top is, people who won't lock San Diego State into, 'Well, it's a WAC team. Maybe we can have a good year and go to the Holiday Bowl.' We want people to take the challenge and see what we can do with this program." // -/

**AZTECS DATA** Coach: Ted Tollner (first year; 26-20-1 overall, 4 years).

**1993 record:** 6-6, WAC: 4-4/T6th.

**Key losses:** Mike Alexander, C; Marshall Faulk, RB (declared for NFL draft); Chris Johnson, SS; Mark Koenig, OG; Carlson Leomiti, OG; Darrell Lewis, FS; Mark Roberts, LB; Chris Rodahaffer, OT; Darnay Scott, SE (declared for NFL draft); Alex Semelik, TE; Shawn Smith, LB; Turaj Smith, DT; Terrill Steen, LB; Keith Williams, FL.

**Starters returning:** **Offense** (3): Chris Finch, T (will move to G), 6-6/285, Jr.; Tim Gutierrez, QB, 6-1/200, Sr.; Ray Peterson, WR, 5-8/165, Jr. **Defense** (5): Jamal Duff, E, 6-7/250, Sr.; La'Roi Glover, T, 6-2/275, Jr.; Leonard Jones, CB, 6-0/180, Jr.; Eric Sutton, CB, 5-10/170, Sr.; Doug Tom, E, 6-4/260, Jr. **Kickers** (2): Peter Holt, K, 5-10/170, Soph.; Ed Kaszycki, P, 6-0/215, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Scott Blade, LB, Sr.; Micheal Driver, CB, Soph.; DeAndre Maxwell, WR, Jr.; Ricky Parker, FS, Soph.; Eric Peterson, C, Jr.; Wayne Pittman, RB, Sr.; Curtis Shearer, WR, Sr.; Craig Thompson, LB, Soph.; Marc Ziegler, TE, Sr.; Louie Zumstein, OT, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Karlin Adams, RB, Jr. (JC); Will Blackwell, WR, Fr. (RS); Matt George, P/K, Jr. (JC); Fred Harris, DE, Soph. (RS); Tom Merrill, LB, Jr. (JC); Adam Norberg, OL, Jr.; Derrick Norman, DB/LB, Soph. (Prop 48); Nimoy Triplett, WR, Soph. (Prop 48).

**Schedule:** **July**, Sept. 3; **California**, Sept. 10; at **Minnesota**, Sept. 17; at **Colorado State**, Sept. 24; **Air Force**, Oct. 1; **Utah**, Oct. 8; at **New Mexico**, Oct. 15; at **Wyoming**, Oct. 22; **Hawaii**, Oct. 29; at **Brigham Young**, Nov. 10; **Fresno State**, Nov. 26.

**Last league title won:** 1986.

**Site:** San Diego.

## WYOMING

**Offensive strengths:** The Cowboys have the WAC's most bruising tandem of running backs in Ryan Christopherson and Terry Hendricks, who will take turns in the one-back attack. That duo will hammer foes if a massive, athletic line can overcome a rash of shoulder injuries. Last season, WAC coaches voted Steve Scifres, who could be Wyoming's finest blocker ever, as the league's Freshman of the Year.

**Offensive weaknesses:** If Scifres is the school's best blocker in history, Ryan Yarborough was its finest receiver. Yarborough is gone, as is the WAC's top tight end of a year ago, Mike Jones. A rounded receiving corps, led by Eddie Pratt, should help the Cowboys cope with the losses. Of greater concern is the departure of quarterback Joe Hughes (24 touchdown passes, 10 interceptions). Senior John Gustin seldom has played and didn't win the job from redshirt freshman Jeremy

Dombek last spring.

**Defensive strengths:** Brent Schieffer, who tied for the WAC lead in sacks last season with 10, is a superb end, and the development last spring of speedy linebackers Mark Brook, Jason Holanda and Andy Reinwald could give Wyoming the best front seven in the league. Cornerback Steve Hendrix is a tough kid who broke his jaw in the eighth game of last season and returned to make a key play against San Diego State's Darnay Scott to help Wyoming win a share of the league championship.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Lee Vaughn, a native of Cheyenne, Wyo., is a fan favorite and a potential star, but he's also a sophomore trying to play the WAC's toughest position (free safety). Though faster than a year ago, the Cowboys run like they're wearing boots.

**Special teams:** Experienced kickers return, but the starting nod goes to freshman Chris Stanton, a prep star from Michigan.

**Key to success:** Improved play at quarterback. Until the Cowboys shore up that position, they will beat no one.

**Outlook:** Even as the Cowboys were winning five straight games in the league last season, coaches around the WAC were whispering that Wyoming really wasn't that good. But Joe Tiller's coaching, a soft schedule and grit and resourcefulness carried the Cowboys to a share of the WAC crown. Kansas State, however, was far too quick for Wyoming in the Copper Bowl (a 52-17 rout), a development that caused virtually the entire state, including the governor, to exhort Tiller to recruit speedier players. It's a chronic, perhaps unsolvable problem, and Tiller's

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**San Diego State's athletic-but-smallish defensive line expects big plays from speedy end Jamal Duff.**



task isn't made easier by academic standards that are more restrictive than at most WAC schools. But a strong defense and another schedule that doesn't include BYU should make Wyoming competitive.

**Coach Joe Tiller says:** "Defensively, we have a chance to be our best since 1988, one of our championship teams. Offensively, our productivity, particularly in the passing game, cannot be up to Wyoming standards. And we've got to find a way to have success in the kicking game."

**COWBOYS DATA** Coach: Joe Tiller (17-17-1, 3 years). 1993 record: 8-4 (lost to Kansas State in Copper Bowl). WAC: 6-2/1st.

**Key losses:** Mike Fitzgerald, OT; Jarrod Heidemann, OG; Joe Hughes, QB; Kenny Johnson, FS; Mike Jones, TE; Cody Kelly, OG; Rob Levin, SS; Greg Scanlan, C; Cory Talich, LB; Kurt Whitehead, DE; Ryan Yarbrough, WR.

**Starters returning:** Offense (4): Ryan Christopherson, RB, 6-0/236, Sr.; Eddie Pratt, WR, 6-0/171, Sr.; Steve Scifres, T, 6-3/273, Soph.; Brent Tillman, WR, 6-0/182, Jr. Defense (7): John Burrough, E, 6-6/260, Sr.; Wade Constance, CB, 5-11/183, Jr.; Joe Cummings, E, 6-3/252, Jr.; Ryan Folsom, LB, 6-3/244, Sr.; Steve Hendrix, CB, 5-10/163, Sr.; Brent Schieffer, E, 6-3/255, Sr.; Tyrone Williams, T, 6-3/265, Sr. Kickers (2): Brian Gragert, P, 6-1/223, Jr.; Kris Mindlin, K, 5-9/187, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** Jason Bartlett, OT, Jr.; Mark Brook, LB, Jr.; John Gustin, QB, Sr.; Terry Hendricks, RB, Sr.; William Holland, WR, Soph.; Jay Jenkins, LB, Soph.; Ryan Oman, OG, Jr.; Jeff Pinnick, C, Sr.; Chuck Polson, SS, Soph.; Andy Reinwald, LB, Soph.; Lee Vaughn, FS, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Jeremy Dombek, QB, Fr. (RS); Stuart Hanson, DT, Fr. (RS); James Henderson, RB, Jr. (JC); Jason Holanda, LB, Jr. (JC); Randy Karlner, SS, Jr. (JC); Wayne Meylan, OG, Jr. (transfer/Nebraska); Kelley Pratt, QB, Fr. (RS); Dallas Rose, TE, Jr. (JC); Chris Stanton, K, Fr.

**Schedule:** Texas El Paso, Sept. 3; at Oregon State, Sept. 10; Utah, Sept. 17; at Utah, Sept. 24; at Nebraska, Oct. 1; North-east Louisiana, Oct. 8; at Fresno State, Oct. 15; San Diego State, Oct. 22; at Air Force, Oct. 29; at Colorado State, Nov. 5; New Mexico, Nov. 12; at Hawaii, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1993.

**Site:** Laramie, Wyo.

## NEW MEXICO

**Offensive strengths:** Quarterback Stoney Case probably could trigger a pro-style attack, but the Lobos need him to run some option for them. He did so in fine fashion in '93: 14 rushing touchdowns and 17 passing. The heady Case, a pre-med major, also keeps opposing defenses from ganging up on Winslow Oliver, a small, explosive running back who rushed for 648 yards in seven games before suffering a foot injury.

**Offensive weaknesses:** The line, which lost four decent starters, could resemble a turnstile this year. Center Brandon Turner, however, should excel, and Cal transfer Kevin Ned offers muscle at guard.

**Defensive strengths:** The well-schooled Lobos, who finished first in the WAC in scoring defense and pass defense, again should muster a fair pass rush. End Buddy Billingsley looks ordinary but plays great. Nose-guard Creighton Solomon, who received recruiting calls from Auburn and Florida State, is a 345-pounder who bench-presses 475 pounds. Tackle Damon Burrest has talent but often disappears in games.

**Defensive weaknesses:** An asset last year, the secondary might require asbestos uniforms early this year. It lost three adept starters, including perhaps the WAC's top defender in cornerback Eric Jack. Top cover man Art Celestine needs to play well.

**Special teams:** Place-kicker Nathan Vail missed three key field-goal attempts last season and has yet to prove that he can convert in the crunch. Neither freshman Coby



New Mexico's Winslow Oliver, a small, explosive running back, rushed for 648 yards in seven games before suffering a foot injury.

Mansell nor former quarterback Tyson Stull is likely to fully offset the loss of league-leading punter Mike Nesbitt.

**Key to success:** Case must stay healthy. Good health also is crucial in the case of Oliver, who sat out spring drills for precautionary reasons. Oliver's top backup, Abe Ghoston, is threatened by a back ailment and may be moved to wideout. Receiver Manley Woods might be New Mexico's best athlete, but he needs to follow the example of walk-on Gavin Pearlman, who has become the Lobos' top pass catcher.

**Outlook:** Two years ago, Dennis Franchione inherited what looked like a high school team. Last year, he fashioned the school's first winning season in 11 years. His well-schooled Lobos committed the fewest turnovers (17) of any New Mexico team since the school started keeping statistics in 1946. They also played zesty, smart defense that masked their deficiencies. No wonder school officials extended Franchione's contract through 1999. This might be one of the WAC's top five teams in 1994, but the Lobos must play the league's toughest schedule. Can they defeat opponents who fully respect them?

**Coach Dennis Franchione says:** "We've probably spoiled our fans rather quickly. Expectations are something that go along with success, and it's good that we're having that kind of influence. However, we have to maintain a touch of realism."

**LOBOS DATA** Coach: Dennis Franchione (9-13, 2 years; 89-32-2 overall, 11 years).

1993 record: 6-5. WAC: 4-4/6th.

**Key losses:** Jarrett Anderson, NT; Justin Hall, C; Clint Hall, OT; Corby Hankins, OG; Eric Jack, CB; Tuli Mateialona, LB; Herb McKinley, CB; Terry Moore, LB; Mike Nesbitt, P; Turhon O'Bannon, WR; Kenny Thomas, OT; Jerone Williams, TE; Ray Wilson, FS; Carl Winston, WR.

**Starters returning:** Offense (4): Stoney Case, QB, 6-3/196, Sr.; Alex Crowder, G, 6-5/299, Sr.; Winslow Oliver, TB, 5-8/172, Jr.; Zack Wesley, WR, 6-0/180, Sr. Defense (5): Buddy

Billingsley, E, 6-3/233, Soph.; Damon Burrest, T, 6-3/311, Sr.; Charles Butler, CB, 5-9/176, Sr.; Dan Coverley, LB, 6-5/227, Sr.; Roston Thomas, LB, 6-4/225, Jr. Kickers (1): Nathan Vail, K, 6-0/192, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Chris Carroll, LB, Soph.; Art Celestine, CB, Jr.; Trent Coit, FS, Sr.; Rod Coverley, LB, Sr.; Abe Ghoston, TB, Soph.; Chris Griffin, TE, Jr.; Daniel Johnson, LB, Soph.; John Lisker, DT, Sr.; Ryan Mummert, OT, Jr.; Gavin Pearlman, WR, Sr.; Terrence Sharper, SS, Jr.; David Sloan, TE, Sr.; Creighton Solomon, NT, Soph.; Tyson Stull, P, Jr.; Brandon Turner, C, Soph.; Manley Woods, WR, Sr. (RS/suspension); Eric Young, TB, Sr. (RS).

**Top newcomers:** Chris Johnson, FB, Soph. (transfer/Southwest Texas State); Coby Mansell, P, Fr. (RS); Kevin Ned, OG, Soph. (transfer/California); Steve Pagador, WR, Jr. (JC); Donovan Roy, OG, Jr. (transfer/Southern California); Chris Shelton, FB, Fr. (RS); John Wingate, DE, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** At Texas Tech, Sept. 3; Texas Christian, Sept. 10; at Southern Methodist, Sept. 17; atigham Young, Sept. 24; Colorado State, Oct. 1; at Hawaii, Oct. 8; San Diego State, Oct. 15; at New Mexico State, Oct. 22; at Fresno State, Oct. 29; Utah, Nov. 5; at Wyoming, Nov. 12; Texas-El Paso, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** 1964.

**Site:** Albuquerque, N.M.

## HAWAII

**Offensive strengths:** Assistant coach Paul Johnson has a knack for molding second-tier recruits into one of the nation's most productive offenses. It's doubtful he'll be able to do that this year, but Brett Washington is a mobile, 230-pound fullback who could punish defenses. Three-year starter Kelly McGill, a tackle who is moving to center, will steady a young line.

**Offensive weaknesses:** The biggest weakness is at quarterback, where option whiz Michael Carter, who accounted for 26 touchdowns and 2,137 yards last season, is gone. Rodney Glover, nephew of actor Danny Glover, is a better passer than Carter, but he isn't a natural option quarterback in an offense that demands one. The prospects on the line are dubious.

**Defensive strengths:** One of the Rainbows' best defenders is George Tupuola, brother of former Hawaii star Al Noga. But Tupuola must recover from a broken ankle that sidelined him in the spring and make the switch from linebacker to end. Cornerback Lindsey Yowell showed some play-making skills late last season.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Hawaii's defense is small and slow, gets worn down easily and seldom makes big plays. Honed to defend the run in practice, it is terrible against the pass in games. The Rainbows allowed a 60 percent completion rate and intercepted just seven of 324 passes thrown their way.

**Special teams:** It is telling that when asked to list his potential stars, Coach Bob Wagner first mentioned his punter, Stephen Wilson. Wilson averaged 43 yards a punt last year despite kicking mostly at sea level. Slippery, tiny Matthew Harding excels at blocking kicks and squeezing off extra yardage on his returns. Place-kicker Carlton Oswalt could get booted if he fails to improve on his 50 percent (5-for-10) field-goal accuracy.

**Key to success:** Hawaii needs six projected starters (including leading rusher Calvin Melvin) who missed spring drills for breaking team rules to return. It also needs Glover and Oahu native Glenn Freitas to improve at quarterback. If not, opposing defenses will continue to flourish against the Rainbows by overloading against the run.

**Outlook:** Just two years ago, Hawaii made a charmed run to its first WAC title and a Holiday Bowl victory over Illinois. Building on that



success, however, has proved difficult. The Rainbows saw their turnover margin drop from plus 10 in 1992 to minus 7 last season, and Wagner might have to force-feed his latest recruiting class, which some consider the strongest of his eight at Hawaii. It is obvious that Hawaii is paying a price for imposing tighter academic rules than those at many other WAC schools. Only with great resourcefulness, and good luck, will this marginally talented team escape the second division.

**Coach Bob Wagner says:** "We're not going to be a real big team. We're going to be fairly athletic, we'll play hard and very aggressive and we'll be very team-oriented."

**RAINBOWS DATA** Coach: Bob Wagner (51-33-2, 7 years).

**1993 record:** 6-6. WAC: 3-5/8th.

**Key losses:** Al Alipule, LB; Lene Amosa, C; Johann Bouit, WR; Michael Carter, QB; Taase Faumui, DT; Travis Fonseca, OT; Brian Gordon, WR; Daryl Green, CB; Cy Hirota, WR; Ivin Jasper, WR; Faamita Lili, LB; Jim Mansfield, DT; Peter Pale, OG; Stewart Williams, LB.

**Starters returning: Offense (3):** Kendall Goo, G, 6-7/305, Sr.; Kelly McGill, T (will move to C), 6-1/253, Sr.; Calvin Melvin, RB, 5-10/195, Sr. **Defense (5):** Carlos Anderson, CB, 5-7/165, Sr.; Robby Blakeney, FS, 6-1/200, Soph.; Nalei Cox, NG, 6-1/258, Sr.; Demitrius Henderson, SS, 5-9/173, Jr.; Victor Santa Cruz, LB, 6-0/206, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Carlton Oswalt, K, 5-10/180, Soph.; Stephen Wilson, P, 6-2/185, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Tupu Alualu, RB, Jr.; Glenn Carson, RB/WR, Sr.; Junior Faavae, LB, Sr.; Glenn Freitas, QB, Soph.; Rodney Glover, QB, Jr.; Matthew Harding, WR, Jr.; Jason Ross, DB, Soph.; Coby Stewart, LB, Sr.; George Tupuola, DL, Jr.; Lindsey Yowell, DB, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Danny Katoa, LB, Jr. (RS/JC); Clint Kuboyama, WR, Jr. (transfer/Boston College); Dewey Reed, OL, Fr. (RS); Brett Washington, RB, Jr. (RS/JC).

**Schedule:** Brigham Young, Sept. 3; Oregon, Sept. 10; at California, Sept. 17; Fresno State, Sept. 24; at Texas-El Paso, Oct. 1; New Mexico, Oct. 8; at Utah, Oct. 15; at San Diego State, Oct. 29; Southeast Missouri State, Nov. 12; Wyoming, Nov. 19; Missouri, Nov. 26; Air Force, Dec. 3.

**Last league title won:** 1992.

**Site:** Honolulu.

## AIR FORCE

**Offensive strengths:** Better recruiting has boosted the Falcons' overall speed on offense. Quarterbacks Andre Johnson and Beau Morgan could add zip to the wishbone, as could running backs Danta Johnson, a former cornerback, and Adrian Smith and John Ichiyama. Daniel Palmer, a 6-foot-4 junior, could blossom into one of the academy's finest blockers in several years.

**Offensive weaknesses:** As promising as those players are, they lack experience. Starting quarterback Demond Cash has ability, but he and fellow signal-caller Preston McConnell were banged up last spring. Without great quarterbacking, the wishbone offense implodes. Also, there's only one returning starter on a puny, untested line that got manhandled in spring practice.

**Defensive strengths:** Steve Russ may be among the finest linebackers in school history. He finished second on the team in tackles last year despite several injuries, and he and sack leader Johnny Harrison form the backbone of one of the WAC's finest linebacking corps. Though raw, Jason Tone and Erik Davis could be the best tackle tandem in Fisher DeBerry's 11 seasons as coach. Strong safety LeRon Hudgins is so athletic that DeBerry probably will play him at tailback and have him return kicks as well.

**Defensive weaknesses:** First-year line coach Billy Mitchell inherits only one starter in Davis. All four starters return in the sec-

ondary, but the unit as a whole is smallish and blew several assignments last year that resulted in big plays for the opposition.

**Special teams:** This is usually an Air Force strength, but it could hurt the Cadets this year. Chris MacInnis, a strong kicker who led the nation in punting (47-yard average), has to be replaced.

**Keys to success:** The Falcons must improve a pathetic passing game that resulted in 13 interceptions and six touchdown passes last season. And they must stop big plays by the other team.

**Outlook:** DeBerry is trying to avoid back-to-back losing seasons for the first time since he came to Air Force in 1984. The word is that he modified his beloved wishbone offense during the off-season, thinking that by spreading the attack and quickening its tempo, more big-play sock will ensue. DeBerry has said that he must be more creative in how he uses the talents of several of his young playmakers. A stout defense should keep Air Force in most games, but the schedule will not help.

**Coach Fisher DeBerry says:** "We had as good of a recruiting year as we've had in the last seven or eight years. Whether those kids will be ready to play or not I don't know, but very likely we will get some depth."

**FALCONS DATA** Coach: Fisher DeBerry (76-46-1, 10 years).

**1993 record:** 4-8. WAC: 1-7/9th.

**Key losses:** Mike Black, LB; Tim Dunn, OG; Dave Eaglin, TE; Martin Edwards, OT; Chris MacInnis, P; Chad Mathis, OT; Rod Meizer, NG; Erik Mitchell, C; Obasi Onuoha, RB; Curtis Sutton, DT; Saxon Yandell, LB; Wayne Young, RB.

**Starters returning: Offense (4):** Demond Cash, QB, 6-0/195, Jr.; Jake Maloy, FB, 6-0/205, Sr.; Richie Marsh, WR, 5-11/185, Jr.; Jim Moore, G, 6-1/250, Sr. **Defense (7):** Erik Davis, T, 6-3/255, Sr.; Johnny Harrison, LB, 6-1/215, Sr.; LeRon Hudgins, SS, 6-1/198, Jr.; Kelvin King, FS, 6-0/195, Jr.; Steve Russ, LB, 6-6/240, Sr.; Brian Watkins, CB, 5-7/185, Sr.; Kevin Williams, CB, 5-10/185, Sr. **Kickers:** None.

**Other key returnees:** Nakia Addison, RB, Soph.; Larry Clifford, WR, Jr.; Mickey Dalton, RB, Soph.; Danta Johnson, CB, Jr.; Preston McConnell, QB, Sr.; Daniel Palmer, OT, Jr.; Jason Tone, DT, Sr.; Matt Young, OT, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** John Ichiyama, RB, Soph.; Andre Johnson, QB, Soph.; Beau Morgan, QB, Soph.; Adrian Smith, RB, Soph.

**Schedule:** Colorado State, Sept. 3; Brigham Young, Sept. 10; North Western, Sept. 17; Texas-El Paso (at San Antonio, Tex.), Sept. 24; at San Diego State, Oct. 1; New Mexico, Oct. 8; Fresno State, Oct. 22; at Wyoming, Oct. 29; at Army, Nov. 5; Utah, Nov. 12; at Notre Dame, Nov. 19; at Hawaii, Dec. 3.

**Last league title won:** 1985.

**Site:** Colorado Springs, Colo.

## TEXAS-EL PASO

**Offensive strengths:** Guard Omar Lowrance uproots defenders and talented tackle Arnold Vaitai could be a star. Receiver J.J. Rowlett, who didn't get many chances in the option last season, should flourish in the new pro-set offense.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Quarterbacks Corey Tucker and Shawn Gray, who were recruited last year to run the spread option, are ill-equipped to direct Charlie Bailey's pro-set offense. Leading returning rusher Kaio Aumua, a former fullback, and Cedric Johnson, who is moving from defensive back to running back, are also being force-fed the new system. A tight end must be found, too.

**Defensive strengths:** Strengths? This abused crew brought up the rear in the defensively weak WAC last year. UTEP's best '93 defender, linebacker Barron Wortham, has graduated. Fortunately, defense is Bailey's forte.

**Defensive weaknesses:** You name it. Dramatic improvement is needed everywhere.

**Special teams:** Texas-El Paso gets plenty of practice returning kickoffs, which suits Sam Rogers, who averaged 26.5 yards per run-back, just fine. Marshall Young is an All-America candidate who has made 48 of 49 extra points and 19 of 22 field-goal attempts in his two years at UTEP.

**Key to success:** Uncommon maturity on the part of freshmen quarterbacks John Rayborn and Matt Hickl, both of whom are likely to be given the chance to run the new offense. It also wouldn't hurt if they're tough enough to withstand a pounding.

**Outlook:** Thirsty Miner fans hope the popular Bailey blazes a trail that parallels that of former coach Bob Stull, who took over a 1-10 Miners squad in 1986, scrapped the option offense in favor of a pro set and directed UTEP to seasons of 4-8, 7-4 and 10-3 before leaving for Missouri. Stull's successor, David Lee, scrapped the pro set in favor of the option with disastrous results. Lee's offense didn't produce and neither did Lee, who was ousted after the sixth game of last season and replaced by defensive coordinator Bailey.

**Coach Charlie Bailey says:** "We are not setting goals for how many games we are going to win, but we are setting goals to be competitive."

**MINERS DATA** Coach: Charlie Bailey (first year; 12-20-2 overall, 3 years).

**1993 record:** 1-11. WAC: 0-8/10th.

**Key losses:** Thomas Cale, DT; Ivory Durio, RB; Pookie Floyd, DE; Mark Goliher, OT; Steve Thompson, LB; Barron Wortham, LB.

**Starters returning: Offense (9):** Kalo Aumua, FB, 6-0/219, Sr.; Danny Baker, C, 6-0/267, Sr.; Alvin Black, FL, 6-2/172, Jr.; Jermaine Brown, RB, 6-2/173, Soph.; Omar Lowrance, G, 6-0/290, Sr.; Mitch Menges, T, 6-4/288, Sr.; J.J. Rowlett, FL, 6-3/212, Sr.; Corey Tucker, QB, 5-11/178, Sr.; Jesse Villareal, G, 6-3/304, Jr. **Defense (7):** Larry Burton, LB, 6-1/213, Sr.; Carl Cormier, E, 6-5/258, Sr.; Larry Davis, T, 6-0/273, Sr.; Kevin Goolsby, CB, 5-11/188, Sr.; Quincy Guy, CB, 5-9/180, Sr.; Greg Shead, FS, 5-11/191, Sr.; Brian Vellmure, SS, 5-11/191, Sr.

**Kickers (1):** Marshall Young, P/K, 5-11/194, Jr. **Other key returnees:** Michael Comer, LB, Soph.; Shawn Gray, QB, Sr.; Cedric Johnson, RB, Soph.; Sam Rogers, SS, Jr.; Frank Ruffner, DT, Jr.; Arnold Vaitai, OT, Sr.; Ray Williams, TB, Sr. **Top newcomers:** Brian Burks, DT, Jr. (JC); Matt Hickl, QB, Fr.; Parnish Jackson, DE, Jr. (JC); John Rayborn, QB, Fr.; Tony Rodriguez, TE, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** at Wyoming, Sept. 3; Eastern Illinois, Sept. 10; New Mexico State, Sept. 17; Air Force (at San Antonio, Tex.), Sept. 24; Hawaii, Oct. 1; at Utah, Oct. 8; at Colorado State, Oct. 15; Brigham Young, Oct. 22; at Utah, Oct. 29; Fresno State, Nov. 12; at New Mexico, Nov. 19.

**Last league title won:** None.

**Site:** El Paso, Tex. ♦



Wyoming's Brent Schieffer is a superb defensive end.



# SCOUTING THE WESTERN ATHLETIC

**Ascending:** Utah. The Utes have more tested talent than in the last two years, when they went to bowl games. They're a good bet to win at least eight games for the first time since 1985.

**Descending:** Hawaii. Two years ago, Hawaii became the first WAC school other than Brigham Young to win the Holiday Bowl. Last year, the Rainbows lost five of eight league games. Now they must replace star quarterback Michael Carter.

**Nightmare schedule:** New Mexico. The Lobos play more road games (seven) than any other WAC team.

Not only that, they're going to places where they seldom win: BYU (0-10 since 1973), Wyoming (0-5 since '84) and Hawaii (0-10 since '78). The Lobos also play at Fresno State, where they're 0-4 and got annihilated, 94-17, three years ago.

**Dream schedules:** Wyoming and Hawaii. The Cowboys don't play Brigham Young for the second straight year and open the season at home against woeful Texas-El Paso. The Rainbow Warriors play eight of their 12 games in Honolulu.

**Best matchup of the year:** Brigham Young at Fresno State on October 8. Fresno State Coach Jim Sweeney fumed when he learned his team had to go to BYU in its first two WAC seasons (1992-93). Now, Sweeney welcomes friend LaVell Edwards to Bulldog Stadium, where Fresno State has never lost a WAC game.

**Worst matchup of the year:** Air Force at Hawaii on December 3. This day would be better spent on the beach (or virtually anywhere else, for that matter)—not watching the Falcons running their wishbone.

**Shocker of the year:** Air Force will upset Utah on November 12 in Colorado Springs. It will be the young Falcons' 10th game, and they should be much improved by then.

**Bowl bound:** BYU is sure to go bowling somewhere, and bowl officials love Fresno State's massive caravan of followers. Utah is destined for its third straight postseason trip.

**Biggest shoes to fill:** Fresno State quarterback Trent Dilfer's. The likely successor to Dilfer, college football's national passing champion, is Adrian Claiborne, who was hobbled in the spring by a sprained ankle.

**Most underrated player:** New Mexico defensive end Buddy Billingsley. This 6-foot-3, 233-pounder is smaller than at least two of his Lobo linemates, but he makes the plays.

**Impact newcomers:** McKay Christensen, WR, BYU, Fr.; Craig Koontz, DE/LB, Utah, Fr.; Latario Rachal, WR, Fresno State, Jr.

(JC); Mike Ulufale, DE, BYU, Jr. (JC).

**Coach of the year:** Ron McBride, Utah. The Utes have never gone to the Holiday Bowl. They could this year.

**Coach on the hot seat:** Stuningly, no one. **Best bets:** The WAC will feature some of the most effective quarterbacks in the nation in Brigham Young's John Walsh, New

Mexico's Stoney Case, Utah's Mike McCoy and San Diego State's Tim Gutierrez. It also will field some peerlessly weak linebacking corps and officiating crews. . . . Sportswriters around the league will burn a pencil in honor of Lenny Gomes, the highly quotable, since-departed BYU nose tackle. Last year, Gomes ripped Cougar fans (he

called some of them "pencil-neck geeks"), bashed the Utah football program ("When I'm making \$50,000 or \$60,000 a year, they'll be pumping my gas—they're low-class losers") and said of BYU's defensive woes, "I don't think even

God could solve our problems."

**Odds and ends:** For the third time in four years, at least one San Diego State player was arrested during the off-season on assault charges. Four reserve offensive linemen were booked in the latest incident. In a separate case, two Aztec players were deposed to testify about a beating on campus that ended in the hospitalization of a 48-year-old parking-lot attendant. . . . Cornerbacks coach DeWayne Walker is the first full-time African American football coach in BYU history. . . . A grand jury in Fresno revealed that several Fresno State players were receiving food stamps illegally, beginning in 1992, and that a member of the football department was aware of it. . . . On September 24, Air Force and UTEP will play in the Alamodome in San Antonio, more than 550 miles from El Paso. . . . WAC quarterbacks have produced the three best pass-efficiency ratings in NCAA history. Trent Dilfer's 173.2 rating last season is surpassed only by Jim McMahon's 176.9 for BYU in 1980 and Ty Detmer's 175.6 for the Cougars in 1989. . . . Recruiting analyst Allen Wallace ranked only one WAC school among the top 50 in the nation, placing Colorado State's incoming class 50th. "The WAC loses more players to the Pac-10 than any other conference loses to any other conference," Wallace said. The WAC's biggest miss this year: Blue-chip quarterback prospect Ryan Clement of Denver, who chose Miami (Fla.) over Wyoming, among others. . . . The WAC's all-time bowl record is 33-39-3 after last year's 0-4 performance. . . . BYU's three-game series with Notre Dame ends this season, but Air Force begins a two-game set with the Fighting Irish on November 19 in South Bend, Ind. . . . Fresno State will play last season's Holiday Bowl winner, Ohio State, in the Disneyland Pigskin Classic on August 29. . . . Wyoming redshirt freshman quarterback Jeremy Dombek, a native of Henryetta, Okla., is a hometown friend of Dallas Cowboys standout Troy Aikman. . . . Fresno State is the seventh-winningest Division I-A team in the nation (94-33-2) over the last 11 years. Its record at home since 1984 is 60-7-2. ♦

—TOM KRASOVIC

## HONOR ROLL

Best offensive line: Utah	Best secondary: Colorado State
Best offensive backfield: New Mexico	Best-hitting defensive back: Greg Myers, Colorado State
Best backup quarterback: Steve Clements, Brigham Young	Best kicking game: Texas-El Paso
Best wide receivers: Fresno State	Best kick-coverage units: Brigham Young
Best clutch receiver: Bryce Doman, Brigham Young	Best coaching staff: Brigham Young
Best defensive line: Wyoming	Best coach: LaVell Edwards, Brigham Young
Best-hitting defensive lineman: Luther Ellis, Utah	Best Heisman candidate: John Walsh, QB, Brigham Young
Best linebackers: Air Force	Best pro prospect: John Walsh, QB, Brigham Young
Best-hitting linebacker: Mark Rexford, Utah	

## RETURNING LEADERS

<b>Rushing:</b> Ryan Christopherson, Wyoming, 92.2 yds./game (207 att., 1,014 yds., 9 TDs, 4.9 avg.)
<b>Passing efficiency:</b> John Walsh, Brigham Young, 156.0 rating pts. (397 att., 244 comp., 3,727 yds., 28 TDs)
<b>Total offense:</b> Mike McCoy, Utah, 330.8 yds./game (109 yds. rushing, 3,860 yds. passing, 3,969 total yds.)
<b>Receiving:</b> Deron Claiborne, Utah, 3.8 rec./game (42 rec., 797 yds., 1 TD, 19.0 avg.)
<b>Scoring:</b> Peter Holt, San Diego State, 7.8 pts./game (0 TDs, 45 PATs, 16 FGs, 93 pts.)
<b>Punting:</b> Alan Boardman, Brigham Young, 43.1 avg. (56 punts, 2,415 yds.)
<b>Punt returns:</b> Greg Myers, Colorado State, 12.0 avg. (27 att., 325 yds., 0 TDs)
<b>Kickoff returns:</b> Sam Rogers, Texas-El Paso, 26.5 avg. (17 att., 450 yds., 1 TD)
<b>Field goals:</b> Peter Holt, San Diego State, 1.3 FGs/game (16/23 FGs, 70%)
<b>Interceptions:</b> Ernest Boyd, Utah, .60 int./game (6 int., 126 yds., 1 TD)



Buddy Billingsley.



Utah's Mike McCoy finished second nationally in total offense a year ago.

COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY OF UTAH



# Despite glum outlook, independent ranks growing

Someone at Northeast Louisiana hasn't been reading the newspapers for the last year or so. They're not paying attention at North Texas or Central Florida, either.

This time, the information deficit can't be blamed on television or the video-added American culture. Attribute it to ambition or dreams, but certainly not reality. Why else would the three schools be planning to make the jump from NCAA Division I-AA to I-A?

Northeast Louisiana joins the big time this season, with North Texas scheduled for I-A play in 1995 and Central Florida in '96. All three seem to be ignoring the fact that major-college football is moving toward a giant super-conference format that would favor established, league-affiliated programs, not newcomer independents. The Big Eight/Southwest Conference merger, the Big East's recent solidification of its position and the Western Athletic Conference's decision to expand from 10 to 16 members (one of the new teams will be current independent Tulsa) move football toward a neat postseason championship formula.

Meanwhile, every non-affiliated school scurries to join some confederation or other in hopes of grabbing some share in the inevitable national playoff. That activity makes the decisions by these three schools to join the rugged individualists of Division I-A curious, to say the least.

"I don't think that schools from I-A will have to drop down to I-AA when the playoff comes," said first-year Northeast Louisiana Coach Ed Zaunbrecher, who has been an assistant at Michigan State, Wake Forest, Louisiana State, Purdue and Arizona. "Having a couple layers in I-A would be a more likely scenario. There is a good group of schools there that are competitive and are compatible geographically. We want to be part of that."

Zaunbrecher speaks of the dispossessed Southern teams—East Carolina, Southern Mississippi, Tulane, Louisville and Memphis—which together with Cincinnati struggle annually to cobble together schedules and meet budgetary goals. Notre Dame needn't worry, of course. And Army and Navy are content to be small-time I-A members, with their season-ending showdown a sure-fire TV bet each year. But the rest continue to struggle. And even some hodge-podge new league won't solve their problems. The Independent Football Alliance hasn't to this point.

Like we said. Someone isn't paying attention.

## NOTRE DAME

**Offensive strengths:** Freshman quarterback Ron Powlus missed all of last season with a twice-broken collarbone, and if his line doesn't improve, that won't be his only fractured body part. Powlus, who didn't take a hit in the spring, will have the luxury of handing off to the customary glut of Irish running backs, headed by tailback Lee Becton. Derrick Mayes looks like a bona fide star at wide receiver.

## The Sporting News PREDICTIONS

### ORDER OF FINISH

1. NOTRE DAME
2. LOUISVILLE
3. CINCINNATI
4. EAST CAROLINA
5. SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
6. TULSA
7. MEMPHIS
8. TULANE
9. ARMY
10. NAVY
11. NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

**Offensive weaknesses:** There are question marks on the traditionally dominant Irish line, and that could hamper the power-running game. Talent at wide receiver is thin, too.

**Defensive strengths:** The front seven, led by veteran linebacker Justin Goheen and fifth-year senior end Brian Hamilton, should be solid, especially with the addition of a couple of young, speedy outside linebackers. All-America Bobby Taylor, a Thorpe Award candidate, is the bedrock of the secondary.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Other than Taylor, there's a lack of first-line talent and depth at defensive back. Depth also could be a problem at linebacker.

**Special teams:** For the second straight year, the school regarded as the cradle of college football doesn't have a place-kicker. Coach Lou Holtz is combing the soccer team for candidates. If Brian Ford can't learn to punt under pressure, Holtz has threatened to use Powlus, who punted in high school.

**Keys to success:** A relatively inexperienced

offensive line must jell to ensure success for Notre Dame's slew of running backs. With a supportive line, Powlus has all the makings of a superstar signal-caller. Freshmen must contribute in the secondary.

**Outlook:** Last year, the Fighting Irish felt cheated when the pollsters voted Florida State the national championship, despite the Seminoles' loss in South Bend. This year, Holtz knows the only way to secure a national title is to go undefeated, which is a tall order given Notre Dame's youth and its usual tough schedule. Still, the Irish are loaded with talent and should contend for the national crown.

**Coach Lou Holtz says:** "I believe this football team is a year away. I think that in '95 we can be pretty good if everyone comes along. . . . But we don't want to get the team ready for the new coach. . . . So we'll do everything we can to win in '94."

**FIGHTING IRISH DATA** Coach: Lou Holtz (77-19-1, 8 years; 193-84-6 overall, 24 years).

1993 record: 11-1 (beat Texas A&M in Cotton Bowl).

**Key losses:** Pete Berlich, LB; Jeff Burris, FS; John Covington, SS; Lake Dawson, FL; Jim Flanagan, DT; Clint Johnson, SE; Greg Lane, CB; Kevin McDougal, QB; Todd Norman, OT; Kevin Pendergast, K/P; Tim Ruddy, C; Aaron Taylor, OT; Bryant Young, DT.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (5):** Lee Becton, TB, 6-0/191, Sr.; Ryan Leahy, G (will move to T), 6-4/285, Sr.; Oscar McBride, TE, 6-5/258, Sr.; Mark Zlatavski, G, 6-6/300, Sr.; Ray Zellars, FB, 5-11/221, Sr. **Defense (5):** Bert Berry, LB, 6-4/221, Soph.; Justin Goheen, LB, 6-2/228, Sr.; Brian Hamilton, E, 6-3/276, Sr.; Thomas Knight, E, 6-4/228, Jr.; Bobby Taylor, CB (will move to FS), 6-3/201, Jr. **Kickers:** None.

**Other key returnees:** Jeremy Akers, C, Jr.; Travis Davis, SS, Sr.; Brian Ford, P, Soph.; Oliver Gibson, NG, Sr.; Tracy Graham, CB, Sr.; Paul Grasmann, NG, Jr.; Randy Kinder, TB, Soph.; Will Lyell, OG, Jr.; Brian Magee, CB, Jr.; Derrick Mayes, SE, Jr.; Michael Miller, FL/KR, Sr.; Jeremy Sample, LB, Sr.; Renaldo Wynn, LB, Jr.

**Top newcomers:** Kurt Belisle, LB, Fr.; Jarvis Edison, DB, Fr.; Ty Goode, WR, Fr.; Jeff Kramer, LB, Fr.; Damian Peter, OL, Fr.; Ron Powlus, QB, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** North Western (at Chicago), Sept. 3; Michigan, Sept. 10; at Michigan State, Sept. 17; Purdue, Sept. 24; Stanford, Oct. 1; at Boston College, Oct. 8; Brigham Young, Oct. 15; Navy, Oct. 29; Florida State (at Orlando, Fla.), Nov. 12; Air Force, Nov. 19; at Southern California, Nov. 26.

**Site:** South Bend, Ind.

## LOUISVILLE

**Offensive strengths:** Coach Howard Schnelberger's system. The man can develop quarterbacks. Look for Marty Lowe, who has served a three-season apprenticeship, (including one redshirt season), to continue the tradition established by Browning Nagle and Jeff Brohm. Running back Anthony Shelman provides a punishing, ball-control alternative. Jamie Asher is a good tight end.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Lowe has completed only 12 of 34 passes in his career. Observers will learn that the departed Ralph Dawkins was the most unappreciated all-around running back in the nation. The wide-outs are more inexperienced than Lowe.

**Defensive strengths:** Hmmm. Errrr. Uhhh. Only two starters return from the defense that stopped Michigan State in the Liberty Bowl. A young corps of linebackers, led by Johnny Frost and Tyrus McCloud, is expected to punish people with its speed.

**Defensive weaknesses:** There's inexperience everywhere. The loss of juniors Joe



Fullback Ray Zellars is part of a deep Notre Dame backfield contingent.

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# PRESEASON ALL-INDEPENDENTS TEAM

## PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

### OFFENSE



LEE  
BECTON  
TB, Notre Dame

### DEFENSE



BRIAN  
HAMILTON  
E, Notre Dame

## NEWCOMERS OF THE YEAR

OFFENSE: Ron Powlus, QB, Notre Dame

DEFENSE: Jarvis Edison, DB, Notre Dame

## FIRST TEAM

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	DERRICK MAYES, Notre Dame	6-1/205	Jr.
WR	DAMON DIXON, Navy	5-8/171	Sr.
TE	JAMIE ASHER, Louisville	6-4/233	Sr.
T	RYAN LEAHY, Notre Dame	6-4/285	Sr.
T	ROMAN OBEN, Louisville	6-4/275	Jr.
C	JEREMY AKERS, Notre Dame	6-5/286	Jr.
G	MARK ZATAVESKI, Notre Dame	6-6/300	Sr.
G	ERIK BRUCE, Tulane	6-4/261	Sr.
QB	RON POWLUS, Notre Dame	6-4/218	Fr.
RB	LEE BECTON, Notre Dame	6-0/191	Sr.
RB	JUNIOR SMITH, East Carolina	5-6/174	Sr.

### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	BRIAN HAMILTON, Notre Dame	6-3/276	Sr.
DL	THOMAS KNIGHT, Notre Dame	6-4/228	Jr.
DL	OLIVER GIBSON, Notre Dame	6-3/275	Sr.
DL	MICHAEL TOBIAS, Southern Miss.	6-3/275	Sr.
LB	JUSTIN GOHEEN, Notre Dame	6-2/228	Sr.
LB	BERT BERRY, Notre Dame	6-4/221	Soph.
LB	SHANE HALLORAN, Navy	6-2/230	Sr.
DB	BRIAN MAGEE, Notre Dame	5-10/201	Jr.
DB	BOBBY TAYLOR, Notre Dame	6-3/201	Jr.
DB	ROBERT GARNETT, Cincinnati	5-11/180	Sr.
DB	MIKE STAUD, Tulane	6-2/205	Sr.

### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	TOM DALLEN, Cincinnati	5-10/200	Sr.
P	ERIC ESTES, Southern Mississippi	6-0/205	Sr.
KR	L.T. GULLEY, Southern Mississippi	5-11/185	Jr.

## SECOND TEAM

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	STEFFRET WILLIAMS, NE Louisiana	6-2/170	Jr.
WR	MICHAEL MILLER, Notre Dame	5-7/160	Sr.
TE	KEVIN HICKMAN, Navy	6-5/249	Sr.
T	MATT VAUPEL, Cincinnati	6-5/291	Sr.
T	BRENT DUGGINS, Southern Miss.	6-5/290	Sr.
C	JASON STINSON, Louisville	6-4/270	Jr.
G	TERRY TILGHMAN, East Carolina	6-6/276	Sr.
G	WILL LYLE, Notre Dame	6-5/274	Jr.
QB	JIM KUBIAK, Navy	6-2/217	Sr.
RB	RAY ZELLARS, Notre Dame	5-11/221	Sr.
RB	AKILI KING, Army	5-10/220	Jr.

### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	JAMES LOGAN, Memphis	6-2/210	Sr.
DL	WILLIE BROOKINS, East Carolina	6-2/225	Sr.
DL	ERNEST ALLEN, Cincinnati	6-4/280	Sr.
DL	JOEL DAVIS, Army	6-4/270	Jr.
LB	RENALDO WYNN, Notre Dame	6-3/254	Jr.
LB	REGINALD HUDSON, Cincinnati	6-1/203	Sr.
LB	MARK LIBIANO, East Carolina	6-3/225	Jr.
DB	CHRIS HART, Navy	5-8/191	Sr.
DB	KEN IRVIN, Memphis	5-10/180	Sr.
DB	DAREN HART, East Carolina	5-9/173	Soph.
DB	TERRY QUINN, Louisville	6-0/195	Sr.

### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Ht./Wt.	Class
PK	JOHNNY LOMORO, Southern Miss.	5-8/155	Jr.
P	BRIAN LAMBERT, Northeast Louisiana	6-3/228	Sr.
KR	MICHAEL MILLER, Notre Dame	5-7/160	Sr.

Johnson, who led the team in sacks but declared early for the NFL draft, and Anthony Bridges, who tied for second in the nation with seven interceptions last year but was kicked off the team, is painful.

**Special teams:** Finally, some experience. Sophomore place-kicker David Akers has a strong, accurate leg, making eight of 13 field-goal attempts, including five of five inside the 29-yard line, last season. Punter Brandon Brookfield probably will need to upgrade his 39.5-yard average.

**Keys to success:** Lowe must prove he can run Schnellenberger's offense, and Schnellenberger must find a line to give Lowe time to throw and running backs who can catch the ball. The young linebackers have to stir the defense with their speed.

**Outlook:** The first time Schnellenberger took Louisville to a bowl game (following the 1990 season), he lost his quarterback, his best receivers, his top blockers, his top tacklers and nine of 11 games the next season. The Cardinals went to their second bowl under Schnellenberger last year. The coach has lost his quarterback, his best receivers, his top blockers, his top tacklers and plays his first three games at Kentucky, Texas and Arizona State. **Coach Howard Schnellenberger says:** "We have some positions to fill. There's no doubt about that. But I'm confident of the players we have brought along. They have learned to play winning football, and that's important in our quest to win the national championship."

Coach: Howard Schnellenberger

(47-51-2, 9 years; 88-67-2 overall, 14 years)

**1993 record:** 9-3 (beat Michigan State in Liberty Bowl)

**Key losses:** Aaron Bailey, WR; Anthony Bridges, CB (suspended from team); Jeff Brohm, QB; Tom Carroll, OG; Tom Cavallo, LB; Kevin Cook, WR; Ralph Dawkins, RB; Dave De-

bold, OG; Vince Dueberry, LB; Kevin Gaines, DB; Jim Hanna, DT; Joe Johnson, DE (declared for NFL draft); Garin Patrick, C; Leonard Ray, DT; Ben Sumpter, LB; Darrius Watson, DB.

**Starters returning: Offense (4):** Jamie Asher, TE, 6-4/233, Sr.; Chris Fitzpatrick, FB, 5-11/218, Sr.; Jason Stinson, C, 6-4/270, Jr.; Jermaine Williams, T, 6-4/283, Sr. **Defense (2):** Kendall Brown, E, 6-3/257, Sr.; Terry Quinn, SS, 6-0/195, Sr. **Kickers (2):** David Akers, K, 5-11/169, Soph.; Brandon Brookfield, P, 6-0/202, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Johnny Frost, LB, Jr.; Marcus Hill, LB, Sr.; Shawn Kries, OG, Jr.; Marty Lowe, QB, Jr.; Tyrus McCloud, LB, Soph.; Roman Oben, OT, Jr.; Jason Payne, QB, Soph. (RS/academics); Anthony Shelman, RB, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Neal Glover, OT, Jr. (JC); Corey Saltee, RB, Fr.; Coswell Sims, WR, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** At Kentucky, Sept. 3; at Texas, Sept. 10; at Arizona State, Sept. 17; Pittsburgh, Oct. 1; North Carolina State, Oct. 8; at Army, Oct. 15; at Navy, Oct. 22; Memphis, Oct. 29; Boston College, Nov. 3; Texas A&M, Nov. 12; Tulsa, Nov. 26.

**Site:** Louisville, Ky.

## CINCINNATI

**Offensive strengths:** The line. Three starters are back—Matt Vaupel, Rick Simons and Jamie Lemire—from a unit that keyed an effective running game last year. Lemire, who played guard in 1993, will play center in '94. He is among Cincinnati's best players. The Bearcats also have good speed at tailback in Craedel Kimbrough and Darrell Harding. They combined for 802 yards rushing and averaged 4.7 yards per carry last year: Sean Stewart (18 catches, 326 yards) and Anthony Ladd (10 catches, 170 yards) are back at wide receiver. Both have shown some talent—but also a tendency to drop the ball.

**Offensive weaknesses:** No proven quarterback and no David Small, who rushed for 1,179 yards and 17 TDs in '93. He carried the Bearcats in lot of games down the stretch last year.

**Defensive strengths:** The line. Tackle Ernest Allen tied for the team lead in tackles for losses last year (eight for minus 16

yards). Ends Dorian Adams and Darrius Felder showed the ability to make big plays in '93. Reggie Hudson, a three-year starter, returns at strong-side linebacker. A reserve cornerback last year, Chris Hewitt will move into the starting lineup this season. He may be the most talented player on the roster.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Lack of experience at key positions and lack of leadership. The heart and soul of the defense last year, the linebacking duo of Jason Coppess and Nate Dingle, is gone. Additionally, cornerbacks Jocelyn Borgella and Mike Davis, the two most talented players on last year's team, must be replaced.

**Special teams:** This could be the strength of the team. Last year, Hewitt averaged 31.5 yards on kickoff returns and ran back one for a touchdown. Kicker Tom Dallen booted a school-record 17 field goals, including a last-second game-winner against Memphis. Also back is Jeff Blaylock, who averaged 37.6 yards per punt last year.

**Key to success:** Todd Preston, a junior college transfer, has been handed the quarterback job. For Cincinnati to have a good year, he must have a good year. He was an all-stater as a California prep player and originally signed with California. After his freshman year at Berkeley, Preston transferred to Moorpark (Calif.) College, where he threw for 1,651 yards and 19 TDs last year.

**Outlook:** The Bearcats are coming off their first winning season since 1982, when Mike Gottfried led them to a 6-5 mark. But there will be different looks on offense and defense under new Coach Rick Minter, who served as Notre Dame's defensive coordinator the last two seasons. Under Minter, the Bearcats

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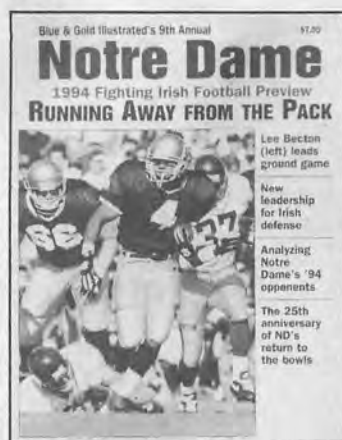


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Reggie Hudson, a three-year starter, returns at strong-side linebacker for Cincinnati.

will switch from a 3-4 to a 4-3 alignment. Dana Bible, a Cincinnati assistant from 1976-80 and most recently the quarterbacks coach of the Cincinnati Bengals, will design the offense. The Bearcats have a fair amount of talent back from last year's 8-3 team. But they'll be hard-pressed to equal that mark because of a tougher schedule.

**Coach Rick Minter** says: "There's some talent here. Not as much as you might like, but I think most coaches feel that way. The cupboard's not bare. We'll be all right."

**BEARCATS DATA** Coach: Rick Minter (first year as a head coach).

1993 record: 8-3.

**Key losses:** Jocelyn Borgella, CB; Jason Coppess, LB; Mike Davis, CB; Nate Dingle, LB; Bob Duckens, NG; Mike Guzda, TE; Lance Harp, QB; Patrick John, LB; Latish Kinsler, SS; Mike Maddox, C; David Small, TB; Albert Sweet, WR; Ray Woodside, OG.

**Starters returning:** Offense (5): Jamie Lemire, G (will move to C), 6-3/280, Jr.; Eric Patterson, FB, 6-1/230, Jr.; Rick Simons, T, 6-5/270, Sr.; Sean Stewart, WR, 6-0/180, Jr.; Matt Vaupel, T, 6-5/291, Sr. Defense (4): Dorian Adams, E, 6-3/243, Jr.; Ernest Allen, T, 6-4/280, Sr.; Robert Garnett, FS, 5-11/180, Sr.; Reggie Hudson, LB, 6-1/203, Sr. Kickers (2): Jeff Blaylock, P, 6-1/204, Sr.; Tom Dallen, K, 5-10/200, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Dan Boslet, OG, Jr.; Muhammed El-Mubarak, LB, Sr.; Darius Felder, DE, Soph.; Reggie Grant, CB, Sr.; Terry Grooms, DT, Soph.; Darrell Harding, TB, Jr.; Chris Hewitt, CB, Soph.; Craedel Kimbrough, TB, Jr.; Anthony Ladd, WR, Soph.; Pat Oakes, OT/C, Soph.; Rob Robinson, DT, Soph.; Shannon Scarbrough, TE, Soph.; Eric Vibberts, QB, Jr.; Jody White, LB, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Edgar Cedeno, DE, Fr.; Terrell Davis, DB, Jr. (JC); Todd Preston, QB, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** At Indiana, Sept. 3; Syracuse, Sept. 10; at Miami of Ohio, Sept. 17; Bowling Green State, Oct. 1; Vanderbilt, Oct. 8; at Rutgers, Oct. 15; at Memphis, Oct. 22; at East Carolina, Oct. 29; Troy State, Nov. 5; at Wisconsin, Nov. 12; Tulsa, Nov. 19.

Site: Cincinnati.

## EAST CAROLINA

**Offensive strengths:** East Carolina may possess the best running back that no one knows about in Junior Smith, a two-time 1,000-yard rusher. Last year, he ranked sixth in the nation (122.9 yards per game) in rushing, gaining 1,352 yards. More size up front should help the running game and protect sophomore quarterback Marcus Crandell, who possesses a strong arm.

**Offensive weaknesses:** The absence of a proven wide receiver looms as the biggest question mark. The tight end position, a real strength the last four years, lacks a big body that can provide both blocking and receiving skills.

**Defensive strengths:** Linebackers Morris Foreman and Mark Libiano, along with end Willie Brookins, make up an aggressive trio capable of creating big plays. Experience up front gives the Pirates hope of continuing to improve against the run. In '93, they allowed 159.5 rushing yards per game.

**Defensive weaknesses:** The secondary is small and not blessed with tremendous speed. If a pass rush is not generated, opposing quarterbacks will post some big numbers. Last year, opponents completed 57.5 percent of their passes. Depth also could be a major problem if injuries hit up front.

**Special teams:** The search for a punter continues after Bill Wilson failed miserably last year. Either Ed Crabtree or a freshman must solidify the position. Kicker Chad Holcomb is dependable inside 40 yards. The return game lacks a game-breaker.

**Keys to success:** Crandell, who missed most of last season with a broken leg, must stay healthy. The Pirates also must reduce their turnovers (32 last year) and be more efficient in the red zone if they hope to finish above .500 for the first time since 1991.

**Outlook:** Opening the season against Duke instead of Syracuse should help kick-start the Pirates. But the road gets tougher, so early success is essential. Regardless, East Carolina will struggle to finish .500, despite the presence of 14 returning starters.

**Coach Steve Logan** says: "If we can continue to run the ball effectively and stop the run, and get better at throwing the football and defending the pass, we have a chance to be competitive."

**PIRATES DATA** Coach:

Steve Logan (7-15, 2 years).

1993 record: 2-9.

**Key losses:** Bernard Carter, DE; Jeff Cooke, DT; Ken Crawford, OG; Carlester Crumpler, TE; Morris Letcher, WR; Travis Render, CB; Derek Taylor, DT; Ronnie Williams, SE; Bill Wilson, P.

**Starters returning:** Offense (7): Ken Carroll, T, 6-7/294, Sr.; Derrick Leaphart, C, 6-2/310, Sr.; Perez Mattison, QB, 6-1/185, Soph.; Jerris McPhail, RB, 6-0/190, Jr.; Junior Smith, RB, 5-6/174, Sr.; Ron Suddith, T, 6-2/292, Soph.; Allen Williams, SE, 6-1/190, Soph. Defense (6): Willie Brookins, E, 6-2/225, Sr.; Morris Foreman, LB, 6-1/210, Jr.; Daren Hart, SS, 5-9/173, Soph.; Dwight Henry, FS, 5-11/171, Soph.; Mark Libiano, LB, 6-3/225, Jr.; Emmanuel McDaniel, CB, 5-9/168, Jr. Kickers (1): Chad Holcomb, K, 6-2/160, Soph.

**Other key returnees:** Carlos Brown, LB, Soph.; Marvin Burke, LB, Soph.; Lamont Burns, DT, Soph.; Hank Cooper, CB, Jr.; Deaton Cotton, OG, Sr. (RS/switched from DL); Ed Crabtree, P, Soph.; Marcus Crandell, QB, Soph.; B.J. Crane, LB, Soph.; David Hart, FS, Soph.; John Krawczyk, DT, Sr.; Dwight Linville, TE, Jr.; Walter Scott, DT, Jr. (RS/knee); Terry Tilghman, OG, Sr. (RS/shoulder).

**Top newcomers:** Aaron Black, DE, Jr. (JC); Ben Fossey, FL, Jr. (JC); Matt Levine, P, Fr.; Jason Nichols, FL, Fr. (RS); Lorenzo West, LB, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** At Duke, Sept. 10; at Temple, Sept. 17; Syracuse, Sept. 24; Southern Mississippi, Oct. 1; at South Carolina, Oct. 8; Virginia Tech, Oct. 15; at Tulsa, Oct. 22; Cincinnati, Oct. 29; at Auburn, Nov. 5; Central Florida, Nov. 12; at Memphis, Nov. 19. Site: Greenville, N.C.

## SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

**Offensive strengths:** For the first time in years, Southern Mississippi will have legitimate speed running backs in freshmen Harold Shaw and Eric Booth. Also, tailbacks Chris Buckhalter and Myreon McKinney, along with fullback Howard McGee, give the Golden Eagles myriad backfield possibilities. The receiving corps should be adequate, and new offensive coordinator Norman Joseph's spread-the-wealth scheme should keep the skill-position players busy.

**Offensive weaknesses:** In a word, quarterback. Southern Mississippi Coach Jeff Bower



COURTESY OF EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

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**Southern Mississippi All-America candidate Michael Tobias can destroy teams from his defensive tackle slot.**

had hoped that a front-runner would emerge during spring drills. Since none did, a starter won't be selected until the fall. Veterans Ricky Carroll and Kevin Bentley and redshirt freshman Heath Graham are the contenders. The line's lack of depth makes it susceptible to injuries.

**Defensive strengths:** Outside linebackers Eugene Harmon and Albert McRae enter their third seasons as starters. Cedric Walthaw takes over for the departed Tyrone Nix at the inside-linebacker spot. All-America candidate Michael Tobias can destroy teams from his tackle slot. The secondary, keyed by standout free safety L.T. Gulley, is young but experienced.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Depth on the line is a worry, and the projected starters at end, James Robinson (knee) and Steve Latson (ankle), are coming off injuries. More than anything, Southern Mississippi must regain the aggressiveness and sure-tackling skills that were present in 1992 (7-4 record) but absent last season.

**Special teams:** Kicker Johnny Lomoro and punter Eric Estes give the Golden Eagles a boot in the kicking game. Plenty of speedy candidates, including Gulley, are available to help Southern Mississippi upgrade its return game.

**Keys to success:** Offensive consistency. The defense should be more than adequate, but the new offense has to produce and hold onto the ball, an ugly problem a year ago when the Golden Eagles committed 35 turnovers.

**Outlook:** The Eagles' high expectations for 1993 came crashing down in the reality of a 2-8-1 record. But they could bounce back in '94, thanks to the fact they play five home games for the first time since 1987. But the biggest question is whether Joseph can breathe life into an offensive unit that ranked 96th among Division I-A's 106 teams in total offense last year.

**Coach Jeff Bower says:** "We did not have the year that any of us expected last year, but we've worked hard in the spring to put it behind us. I've seen some good things on both sides of the ball. We feel pretty good going into the fall."

## **GOLDEN EAGLES DATA** Coach: Jeff Bower (13-20-1, 3 years).

**1993 record:** 2-8-1.

**Key losses:** Todd Beeching, OT; Barry Boyd, TB; Perry Carter, CB; Bobby Hamilton, DE; Kevin Jackson, DT; Tyrone Nix, LB; Anthony Owens, TE; Darin Smith, OG.

**Starters returning: Offense (7):** Kevin Bentley, QB, 6-2/190, Jr.; Brent Duggins, T, 6-5/290, Sr.; Coty Jones, G, 6-6/270, Sr.; Ronald Jones, FB, 5-9/190, Sr.; Adam Kennedy, WR, 6-2/190, Jr.; Ryan Pearson, WR, 6-2/185, Soph.; Kenny Ray, C, 6-3/280, Sr. **Defense (7):** L.T. Gulley, FS/KR, 5-11/185, Jr.; Eugene Harmon, LB, 6-0/220, Jr.; Albert McRae, LB, 6-1/220, Jr.; Melvin Ratcliff, SS, 5-11/185, Jr.; James Robinson, E, 6-3/240, Jr.; Rod Thomas, CB, 6-2/175, Soph.; Michael Tobias, T, 6-3/275, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Eric Estes, P, 6-0/205, Sr.; Johnny Lomoro, K, 5-8/155, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** Chris Buckhalter, TB, Jr.; Ricky Carroll, QB, Sr.; Steve Latson, DE, Sr.; Howard McGee, FB, Sr.; Myron McKinney, TB, Jr.; Tim Melevia, OT, Soph.; Larry Norton, TE, Soph.; Rod Ollison, OG, Soph.; Cedric Walthaw, LB, Soph. **Top newcomers:** Eric Booth, RB, Fr.; Heath Graham, QB, Fr. (RS); Jason Hall, OL, Jr. (JC); Kendrick Lee, RB, Soph. (Prop 48); Harold Shaw, RB, Fr.

**Schedule:** At Tulane, Sept. 3; Virginia Tech, Sept. 10; Memphis, Sept. 17; at Texas A&M, Sept. 24; at East Carolina, Oct. 1; at Alabama, Oct. 8; at Western Louisiana, Oct. 15; at Stanford, Oct. 22; at Tulal, Oct. 29; at Florida, Nov. 5; at Louisiana State, Nov. 12.

**Site:** Hattiesburg, Miss.

## **TULSA**

**Offensive strengths:** Tailback Solomon White could be a revelation. Kenny Gunn is another good tailback. Tulsa can count on heady center David Millwee to make every snap. Receivers Wes Caswell and Michael Kedzior seldom drop passes.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Quarterback is an unproven quantity. Sophomore Troy DeGar enters fall drills as the starter. But fellow sophomore Casey Borin, who missed spring practice with a back injury, could challenge for starting duties. Neither has any experience. The line must improve its run blocking, and huge redshirt freshmen Michael Ruhl and Nick Ragusa could help. There is not a proven deep threat at wide receiver.

**Defensive strengths:** The line has a load of talent in veterans Cory Lax, Coco Butler, Lance Sloan, Sedric Clark and Mark Haberfield and in newcomers Beau Desherow and Sean O'Boyle. Mike Haenszel is the leader of a deep secondary.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Except for Floyd Goode, the linebacking corps is inexperienced and untested and includes several individuals who are playing the position for the first time.

**Special teams:** Punter Mark DeLozier likely will have to improve his 38.6-yard average of 1993 to bail Tulsa's young offense out of trouble. Redshirt freshman James Anderson moved ahead of incumbent place-kicker Brandon Brister in spring practice. The Golden Hurricane's coverage teams will miss Billy Cole, who was

a master at causing and recovering fumbles and blocking kicks the last two seasons.

**Keys to success:** Either DeGar or Borin must establish himself early and achieve some consistency. Without Chris Penn, who led the nation in receptions and receiving yards per game in 1993, on hand, Tulsa's offensive line must block better so the running game can get re-established.

**Outlook:** The Golden Hurricane plays a lot of good teams, but no great ones, in 1994. But Tulsa may be too young, especially on offense, to avoid the kind of season that turns a coach's hair gray. But Dave Rader and his staff have a knack for overcoming the odds to produce brilliant players and solid seasons.

**Coach Dave Rader says:** "This could be the biggest challenge since we've been here. As coaches, our biggest challenge lies in finding out what this group can do and making sure we stay with that plan. We don't want to do things because they look exciting on paper. We're learning more each day, and we do have some talent out there."

## **GOLDEN HURRICANE DATA** Coach: Dave Rader (31-36-1, 6 years).

**1993 record:** 4-6-1.

**Key losses:** Dunstan Anderson, DE; James Bailey, LB; James Blake, SS; Gary Brown, FL; Billy Cole, LB; Gus Frerotte, QB; Lamont Headd, TB; Dennis Hickey, FS; Garrick Jackson, CB; Daryle Johnson, LB; Mark Laskey, OG; Jay McDaniel, OT; Phil Nitowski, TE; Chris Penn, SE.

**Starters returning: Offense (4):** David Millwee, C, 6-3/271, Jr.;

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**Tulsa is blessed with two good tailbacks, including junior Kenny Gunn, who hopes to benefit from improved run blocking.**



Brian Newnam, G, 6-4/275, Soph.; Jason Percy, FB, 6-2/227, Sr.; Doug Pisula, T, 6-4/275, Soph. **Defense (4):** Mike Haenszel, DB, 6-3/196, Sr.; Cory Lax, T, 6-2/290, Sr.; Hank Schopler, E, 6-2/235, Soph.; Lance Sloan, T, 6-3/263, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Brandon Brister, K, 5-6/180, Jr.; Mark DeLozier, P, 6-1/185, Jr. **Other key returnees:** Andrew Bates, LB, Soph.; Casey Borin, QB, Soph.; Coco Butler, DT, Jr.; Wes Caswell, SE, Soph.; Sedric Clark, DE, Jr. (RS/injury); Troy DeGar, QB, Soph.; Pat Denofrio, CB, Sr.; Floyd Goode, LB, Sr. (RS/injury); Kenny Gunn, TB, Jr.; Mark Haberfield, DT; Justin Heinecke, OT, Sr.; Kelly Houston, DB, Sr.; Muadianvita Kazadi, LB, Soph.; Michael Kedzior, FL, Jr.; Joe Warren, DE, Soph.; Solomon White, TB, Soph. **Top newcomers:** James Anderson, K, Fr. (RS); Beau Desherow, DE, Fr. (RS); Jason Jacoby, DB, Fr. (RS); Clay Martin, FL, Fr. (RS); Sean O'Boyle, DE, Fr. (RS); Jay Patterson, LB, Fr. (RS); Nick Ragusa, OT, Fr. (RS); Michael Ruhl, OT, Fr. (RS); Brian Self, DB, Fr. (RS); Malcolm Williams, CB, Jr. (JC). **Schedule:** At Mississippi, Sept. 3; Memphis, Sept. 10; at Wyoming, Sept. 17; at Oklahoma State, Sept. 24; Texas-El Paso, Oct. 8; UNLV, Oct. 15; East Carolina, Oct. 22; at Southern Mississippi, Oct. 29; Southwest Missouri State, Nov. 12; at Cincinnati, Nov. 19; at Louisville, Nov. 26. **Site:** Tulsa, Okla.

## MEMPHIS

**Offensive strengths:** There are not many to be found. The only apparent game-breaking threats are tailbacks Quitman Spaulding and Larry Patterson. Keep an eye on Ryan Roskelly, who caught 56 passes for 708 yards last season at Fullerton (Calif.) College. He could be a factor if new quarterback Tony Scarpino stays calm and throws true and straight.

**Offensive weaknesses:** You can pick almost any spot, but the entire line will be new, as will the starting receivers and quarterback. Don't expect the Tigers to short-circuit any scoreboards.

**Defensive strengths:** The line is top heavy with veterans, led by noseguard Brian Barnett, who started every game in '93 and made 58 tackles. Strong safety Barry Dillard is a stopper who made 85 stops last year. The defense could be even better if end Dan Bonner maintains his spring-practice form after missing most of last season with a knee injury.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Linebackers have been a traditional Memphis strength, but the Tigers seem to be running low in that department this season. However, sophomore Richard Hogans, who could be the next great Memphis linebacker, offers hope.

**Special teams:** Is there a place-kicker in the house? And a punter? Replacing 1992 Lou Groza Award winner Joe Allison will be almost impossible. He was the Tigers' only sure-fire offensive weapon the last few seasons. Freshman Ted Lane likely will fill Allison's vacancy, while Mike Coughlin figures to be the new punter. Return man Mac Cody will be hard to replace.

**Keys to success:** The offensive line must mature quickly. The Tigers' only hope of scoring is via Scarpino's passes. Give him a little time, and he may become Scarpino the Scalpel.

**Outlook:** Memphis' penchant in recent years for starting slow and finishing fast may look good on paper (the team has posted consecutive 6-5 records), but it's not winning the Tigers any serious bowl consideration. And for a team that is an independent with no bowl alliance, the Tigers aren't doing themselves any favors with their September stumbles.

**Coach Chuck Stobart says:** "We have to replace a lot of people. We think we have capable replacements, but they are going to be inexperienced. We need to find what type football will be best suited for our new offensive line as well as our new skilled people."

**TIGERS DATA** Coach: Chuck Stobart (23-31-1, 5 years, 63-79-3 overall, 13 years).

**1993 record:** 6-5.

**Key losses:** Joe Allison, K; Danton Barto, LB; David Brooks, OT; Rod Brown, LB; Isaac Bruce, WR; Dominic Calloway, CB; Mac Cody, WR; Charles King, DT; Jeff King, C; Steve Matthews, QB; Trent Miley, OG; Ray Patterson, WR; Larry Porter, TB; Tony Semple, OT; Jeremy Williams, FS; Stevie Williams, OG.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (2):** Marcus Holliday, FB, 6-0/225, Sr.; Joel Peschle, TE, 6-5/230, Jr. **Defense (6):** Brian Barnett, NG, 6-0/273, Jr.; Dan Bonner, E, 6-0/210, Jr.; Barry Dillard, SS, 5-10/175, Sr.; Ken Irvin, CB, 5-10/180, Sr.; James Logan, E/LB, 6-2/210, Sr.; Rod Mason, T, 6-3/250, Jr. **Kickers:** None.

**Other key returnees:** Jesse Allen, LB, Soph.; Mike Coughlin, P, Jr.; Richard Hogans, LB, Soph.; John Ludwiczak, C, Sr.; Tony Scarpino, QB, Sr.; Quitman Spaulding, TB, Soph.; Tony Williams, NG, Soph.

**Top newcomers:** Darius Blevins, WR, Fr.; Jeran Burns, WR, Fr.; Derrick Jones, RB, Fr.; Ted Lane, K, Fr. (RS); Bernard Oden, QB, Fr.; Drew Pairamore, P, Fr. (RS); Larry Patterson, TB, Fr. (RS); Ryan Roskelly, WR, Jr. (JC); Patrick Stiles, LB, Fr.; Jerome Woods, DB, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** Mississippi State, Sept. 3; at Tulsa, Sept. 10; Southern Mississippi, Sept. 17; Arkansas, Sept. 24; Tulane, Oct. 8; Arkansas State, Oct. 15; Cincinnati, Oct. 22; Louisville, Oct. 29; at Mississippi, Nov. 5; at Tennessee, Nov. 12; East Carolina, Nov. 19.

**Site:** Memphis, Tenn.

## TULANE

**Offensive strengths:** Running back Jerald Sowell, who was hampered by an ankle injury most of last season, has lost weight and could have a good year in the Green Wave's new one-back set. Fellow back Joey Perry returns after missing the 1993 season with academic problems. Erik Bruce is a standout guard.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Quarterback Craig Randall will pass the ball more in the one-back offense. But with the exception of sophomore Derrick Franklin, the wide receivers are weak and slow. That's not good, considering Tulane ranked No. 101 out of 106 Division I-A schools in total offense (262.8 yards per game) last year.

**Defensive strengths:** Free safety Mike Staid will be the leader of a Green Wave defense that will play an attacking 4-3 alignment under new coordinator Vic Eumont. Additionally, the line, anchored by end Ryan Deaton, will be more aggressive and the linebackers more athletic.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Tulane still lacks overall speed. Last year, the Green Wave often was in position to make plays only to

have opponents run away. This unit has more speed than the '93 version, but probably not enough. Also, it lacks size.

**Keys to success:** Tulane's offense has to be more productive than it was in 1993, when the Green Wave averaged 12.8 points per game (102nd in the nation). If the passing game is effective and the defense can slow opponents, the Green Wave could enjoy a measure of success.

**Outlook:** Along with a new defensive coordinator, Tulane also hired Buddy Geis to run the offense. But a lack of talent and a tough schedule that includes only two home games before November 5 could mean the Green Wave may extend its string of consecutive non-winning seasons to 13.

**Coach Buddy Teevens says:** "I anticipate another step forward. Last year, we had an awful lot of young kids play—29 guys who had not played in a varsity game. We had a lot of inexperienced guys and a lot of injuries. Having all those guys back healthy and with experience, I'm excited about the ability we have as a football team to move forward."

**GREEN WAVE DATA** Coach: Buddy Teevens (5-18, 2 years; 44-49-2 overall, 9 years).

**1993 record:** 3-9.

**Key losses:** Michael Batiste, DT; Robert Bodine, OG; Chip Clark, P; Reggie Davis, NG; Wilbert Gilmore, LB; Brandon Hamilton, CB; Ruffin Hamilton, LB; Willie Smith, SS; Mitch Tinsley, C; Wil Ursin, WR; Shane Wiegand, LB.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (8):** Erik Bruce, G, 6-4/261, Sr.; Tom Conger, T, 6-5/300, Soph.; Brad Ducre, RB, 5-9/239, Sr.; Derrick Franklin, WR, 6-0/176, Soph.; John Hubert, RB, 5-9/190, Jr.; Craig Randall, QB, 6-4/235, Jr.; Scott Sanchez, TE, 6-3/228, Sr.; Steve Schuler, T, 6-6/265, Jr. **Defense (5):** Cedric Anderson, CB, 6-0/190, Jr.; Ryan Deaton, E, 6-1/265, Jr.; Michael Smartt, LB, 6-1/228, Sr.; Mike Staid, FS, 6-2/205, Sr.; Marcos Vela, E, 6-3/241, Sr. **Kickers (1):** Bart Baldwin, K, 6-0/163, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Cyril Brockmeier, OT, Soph.; Will Carlisle, OG, Soph.; Kevin Cunane, TE, Soph.; Elijah Freeman, CB, Soph.; Andre Goines, S, Soph.; Shawn Jones, DT, Jr.; Danny Lasseigne, TE/P, Jr.; Jeff Ligon, WR/KR, Soph.; Russ Meissner, C, Soph.; Joey Perry, RB, Jr. (RS/academics); Thaddeus Prosper, DT, Soph.; Jerald Sowell, RB, Soph.; Cedric Thomas, SS, Sr.; Tracey Watts, QB, Jr.

**Top newcomers:** Brent Barrington, TE, Fr. (RS); Adam Moorhead, RB, Fr. (RS); Jonathan Quinn, QB, Fr. (RS); Horace Raymond, RB, Fr. (RS); Derrick Singleton, QB (will move to FS), Fr. (RS); Brian Williams, LB, Fr. (RS).

**Schedule:** Southern Mississippi, Sept. 3; at Rice, Sept. 10; at North Carolina, Sept. 17; Alabama (at Birmingham, Ala.), Sept. 24; at Memphis, Oct. 8; Texas Christian, Oct. 15; at Mississippi State, Oct. 22; at Maryland, Oct. 29; Navy, Nov. 5; Mississippi, Nov. 12; Louisiana State, Nov. 19.

**Site:** New Orleans.

## ARMY

**Offensive strengths:** Senior quarterback Rick Roper isn't exactly former Oklahoma star signal-caller Jamelle Holieway or any of those other great wishbone maestros of years past, but he makes excellent decisions and can throw the ball a little, too. Strong-armed senior Mike Makovec, finally healthy after several knee surgeries, also might see some playing time. Fullback Akili King was relentless when healthy last year and has 1,000-yard-plus potential. Sophomore Mike Robinson and senior Kevin Vaughn bring speed to the running-back spots.

**Offensive weaknesses:** The skill positions are set, but the line isn't. Guard Ed Stover is the only holdover from last year's unit, which lost four starters and as many key backups.

**Defensive strengths:** There aren't many, due to youth. Senior Pat Work is steady at inside linebacker, and junior safeties Jim Cantelupo and Landis Maddox are solid. Junior



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tackle Joel Davis is a good run-stopper.

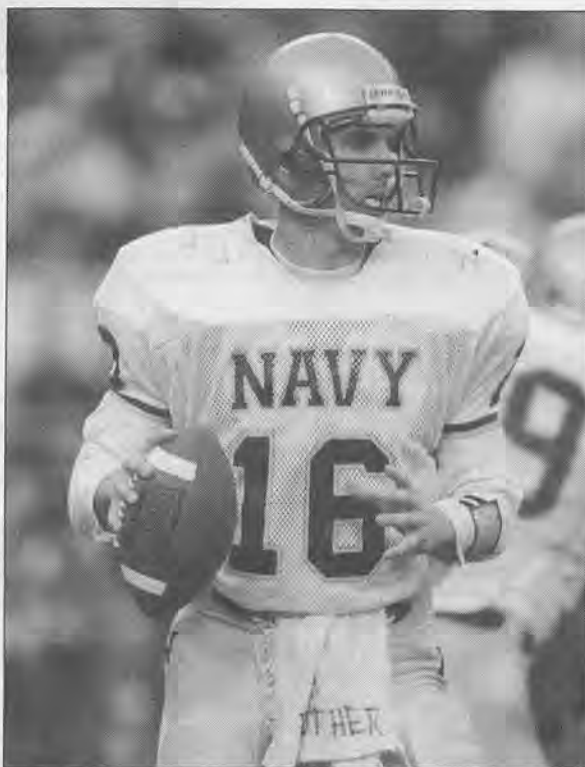
**Defensive weaknesses:** The line is almost as shaky as its offensive counterpart, and the graduation of inside linebacker Kevin Czarnecki leaves a huge hole. The secondary is young and thin, particularly at cornerback.

**Special teams:** Senior Mark Houston walked on last year after not punting for nearly three years and averaged only 32.4 yards per kick—hardly sufficient. Meanwhile, fellow senior Kurt Heiss steps into the place-kicking role after attempting and converting just five extra points (all in '93) during his career.

**Key to success:** The Cadets must rebuild both lines, particularly on offense, where their wishbone attack depends on continuity and teamwork.

**Outlook:** If the offensive line develops any continuity, the Army wishbone will roll up yards and some points, particularly if King stays healthy. The defense is another story. There is too much youth and uncertainty to expect great things, but the Cadets still may enjoy some success. After all, three I-AA teams dot the schedule, and games with Temple, Duke and Wake Forest—not to mention Navy and Air Force—are hardly unwinnable.

**Coach Bob Sutton says:** "We have a lot of rebuilding to do on both interior lines. We do



Skilled performers abound for Navy, beginning with senior quarterback Jim Kubiak, whose only weakness is a tendency toward making poor decisions.

have a decent level of skill players back, but with the concerns in the kicking game and the offensive line, we need to improve to get where we want to go. We have to be able to

play at our best each week."

**CADETS DATA** Coach: Bob Sutton (15-18, 3 years).

**1993 record:** 6-5.

**Key losses:** Paul Andrzejewski, SE; Matt Conway, OT; Kevin Czarnecki, LB; Chad Davis, RB; Mark Escobedo, OT; John Lane, RB; Jason Miller, LB; Aaron Mitchell, NG; Kevin Muir, C; Troy Prehar, OG; Brett Rice, CB; Jim Slomka, DT; Jason Sutton, CB; Rocco Wicks, K.

**Starters returning: Offense (4):** Akili King, FB, 5-10/220, Jr.; Ron Leshinski, TE, 6-3/235, Soph.; Rick Roper, QB, 5-10/180, Sr.; Ed Stover, G, 6-3/270, Jr. **Defense (5):** Jim Cantelupe, FS, 6-0/190, Jr.; Joel Davis, T, 6-4/270, Jr.; Landis Maddox, SS, 5-11/190, Jr.; Eric Oliver, LB, 6-2/215, Sr.; Pat Work, LB, 5-11/225, Sr. **Kickers (1):** Mark Houston, P, 6-0/190, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Bill Blair, OT, Jr.; Adrian Calame, DT, Jr.; Steve Carpenter, QB, Jr. (RS/knee); Josh Freeman, OG, Sr.; Leon Gantt, SE, Sr.; Garland Gay, CB, Soph.; Bob Heckathorne, LB, Sr.; Kurt Heiss, K, Sr.; Dondra Jolly, SE, Sr.; Colin Kearns, NG, Soph.; Jon Kerr, DT, Sr.; Mike Makovec, QB, Sr.; Mike Robinson, RB, Soph.; Joe Ross, FB, Sr.; Kevin Vaughn, RB, Sr.; Mike Wells, C, Jr.; Jami Wolocko, SS, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** None.

**Schedule:** Holy Cross, Sept. 10; at Duke, Sept. 15; Temple, Sept. 24; at Wake Forest, Oct. 1; at Rutgers, Oct. 8; Louisville, Oct. 15; The Citadel, Oct. 22; Boston College, Oct. 29; Air Force, Nov. 5; Boston University, Nov. 12; Navy (at Philadelphia), Dec. 3. **Site:** West Point, N.Y.

## NAVY

**Offensive strengths:** If the Midshipmen can convince opponents to play flag football, they may win nine games. Skilled performers abound, beginning with senior quarterback Jim Kubiak, whose only weakness is a tendency toward making poor

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decisions. Seniors Damon Dixon and Mike Jefferson lead a deep receiving contingent, and there is speed in the backfield, most notably in sophomore tailback Omar Nelson.

**Offensive weaknesses:** About that line. Five starters graduated from last year's unit, and tackle Chris Eichinger, an expected starter, left the team to concentrate on his military career.

**Defensive strengths:** Even with seven starters gone, Navy could be pretty good, particularly in the secondary, where the once lead-footed Middies have injected some speed. Senior Chris Hart is a standout cornerback, and senior linebacker Shane Halloran is a good one.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Navy was vulnerable to a good rushing attack last year and needs senior Chris Reaghard and sophomore Erasto Jackson to produce at tackle this season. A replacement must be found for standout linebacker Javier Zuluaga, with sophomore linebackers Clint Bruce and Mark Love being promising possibilities.

**Special teams:** Sophomore Ryan Bucchi-neri may never forget the 18-yard chip shot he missed in last year's 16-14 loss to Army, but he has the talent to be a good field-goal man. Junior Brian Schrum returns at punter and must improve his 37-yard average.

**Key to success:** Coach George Chaump needs his young offensive linemen to mature quickly, or the Middies will be punting frequently.

**Outlook:** If Chaump can find some linemen, the Navy passing offense will score points, provided the Middies cut down on turnovers. (Navy had a minus-17 turnover differential and ranked 104th out of 106 Division I-A teams in turnover margin, minus 1.55, last year.) The defense again will be susceptible to the run, but the unit's increased overall speed will eliminate some of the big plays that have doomed Navy in past seasons. Last year's four-victory season was a huge improvement over the dreary one-win campaigns of 1991 and '92, but a trip above .500 may be asking too much.

**Coach George Chaump says:** "So many things have happened in the last four years that I am now very cautious about being optimistic about anything. I've been stung in the last four years in every way, shape and form, and I'm a little hesitant to say anything positive. It's a challenge, and we're willing to take it on."

#### MIDSHIPMEN DATA Coach:

George Chaump (11-33, 4 years; 68-65-2 overall, 12 years).

**1993 record:** 4-7.

**Key losses:** Chris Eichinger, OT (left team); Grover Favors, SS; Max Lane, OT; Steve Lipsey, DB; Zach McMechan, OG; Dan Pidgeon, OG; Chuck Puglia, C; Ty Renick, DT; Michael Riggins, CB; Dave Shaw, DE; Blair Sokol, OT; Brad Stramanak, FB; Jason Van Matre, TB; Stacey Yopp, DT; Javier Zuluaga, LB.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (4):** Damon Dixon, WR, 5-8/171, Sr.; Kevin Hickman, TE, 6-5/249, Sr.; Jim Kubiak, QB, 6-2/217, Sr.; Mike Jefferson, WR/RB, 5-6/175, Sr. **Defense (4):** Shane Halloran, LB, 6-2/230, Sr.; Chris Hart, CB, 5-8/191, Sr.; Andy Person, E, 6-4/234, Jr.; Joe Speed, FS, 6-1/190, Jr. **Kickers**

(2): Ryan Bucchi-neri, K, 5-8/142, Soph.; Brian Schrum, P, 6-2/182, Jr.

**Other key returnees:** Clint Bruce, LB, Soph.; Alex Domino, OG, Jr.; Fernando Harris, LB, Jr.; Erasto Jackson, DT, Soph.; Mark Love, LB, Soph.; Chris Reaghard, DT, Sr.; Matt Scornavacchi, WR, Jr.; Garrett Smith, C, Jr.; Jonathan Wellington, CB, Jr.; Monty Williams, FB, Jr.

**Top newcomers:** Ben Fay, QB, Soph. (transfer/Texas Tech); Omar Nelson, RB, Soph.

**Schedule:** **A** San Diego State, Sept. 3; **V** Virginia, Sept. 10; at **B**oyling Green State, Sept. 17; **D**uke, Oct. 1; at **A**ir Force, Oct. 8; **L**afayette, Oct. 15; **L**ouisville, Oct. 22; at **N**otre Dame, Oct. 29; at **T**ulane, Nov. 5; **R**ice, Nov. 19; **A**rmy (at Philadelphia), Dec. 3.

**Site:** Annapolis, Md.

### NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

**Offensive strengths:** The guys with the hands are there. Now all the Indians need is someone with an arm. Junior wideouts Stepfret Williams and Kevin Washington are deep threats, and junior tight end James Boyett has potential. The line is big and experienced and features stand-out center John Barbee.

**Offensive weaknesses:** Heading into Division I-A without a proven quarterback can be suicidal. The two main prospects, speedy sophomore Raymond Philyaw and senior drop-back man Brent Scott, played little last year. The Indians also are suspect at running back, where junior Eric Foster must replace departed star Irving Spikes (1,563 rushing yards in '93).

**Defensive strengths:** There aren't many. Only three starters return—linebacker Damon Poage, cornerback Connery Wilson and strong safety Conrad Clarks.

**Defensive weaknesses:** Opposing offensive coordinators won't know where to start. The line is young and small, particularly at end,

and the linebackers—other than Poage, who is inexperienced. Even the secondary, despite two returning starters, is thin.

**Special teams:** Senior Roger Miller drilled 15 of 17 field-goal attempts last season, including a season-long 47-yarder, though he did miss six extra points. Senior punter Brian Lambert (39.0 average) dropped 16 of his 37 kicks inside the 20-yard line. When enemies boot it, watch for Washington, who was particularly effective returning punts (12.7 average) last year.

**Key to success:** The Indians need to settle on a quarterback and rebuild their depleted defense quickly, or they risk being trampled in their difficult early-season road games.

**Outlook:** Northeast Louisiana heads into its first year of Division I-A play with a new coach, a new system, only 10 returning starters and a schedule (trips to Colorado, Auburn and Georgia open the season, and visits to Brigham Young and Kentucky loom in November) that would test an established I-A club. The Indians were perennial I-AA playoff participants, but they will struggle with the big boys. Expect some offensive fireworks but some big defensive troubles.

**Coach Ed Zaunbrecher says:** "We have players who could play for many big schools. We just don't have enough of them. People have expectations because of what's been done in the past, but they have to understand that this is different. The players have to understand that, too, and look at this season as a challenge."

**INDIANS DATA** **Coach:** Ed Zaunbrecher (first year). **1993 record:** 9-3 as a member of NCAA I-AA Southland Conference.

**Key losses:** Dennis Bamburg, WR; Raymond Batiste, OG;

Tim Blakeney, LB; Arthur Bussie, DT; Robert Cobb, QB; Duke Doctor, WR; Tommy Fagan, DE; James Folston, DE; Lennie Jenkins, DT; Phillip King, LB; Irving Spikes, RB; Chad Terral, OT; Larry Whigham, CB; Michael Young, FS.

**Starters returning:** **Offense (5):** John Barbee, C, 6-5/290, Sr.; James Boyett, TE, 6-5/250, Jr.; Alvin Paschal, G, 6-5/305, Sr.; Lorenzo Wallace, T, 6-7/310, Sr.; Stepfret Williams, WR, 6-2/170, Jr. **Defense (3):** Conrad Clarks, SS, 5-11/210, Sr.; Damon Poage, LB, 5-10/235, Sr.; Connery Wilson, CB, 5-11/182, Sr. **Kickers (2):** Brian Lambert, P, 6-3/228, Sr.; Roger Miller, K, 5-11/197, Sr.

**Other key returnees:** Rod Adams, LB, Sr. (transfer/Clemson); Eric Foster, RB, Jr.; Sammie Fudge, RB, Jr. (RS/ankle); Keith Hindsley, OG, Sr.; Brian Houston, DT, Jr.; Shawn King, DE, Sr.; Pete Miles, RB, Jr. (RS); Charles Moody, DB/LB, Soph.; Raymond Philyaw, QB, Soph.; Brent Scott, QB, Sr.; Kevin Washington, WR/KR, Jr.; Tito Wooten, DB, Sr.

**Top newcomers:** Kevin Graham, OT, Jr. (JC); Larry Haney, QB, Jr. (JC); Shawn Lang, TE/LB, Jr. (JC); Markee Lockett, RB, Jr. (JC).

**Schedule:** **A** Colorado, Sept. 3; **A** Auburn, Sept. 10; at **G**eorgia, Sept. 17; at **N**evada, Sept. 24; **W**ebster State, Oct. 1; at **W**yoming, Oct. 8; **C**entral Florida, Oct. 15; **J**acksonville (Ala.) State, Oct. 22; at **B**righam Young, Nov. 5; at **K**entucky, Nov. 12; **N**orth Texas, Nov. 19.

**Site:** Monroe, La. ♦



Notre Dame's Derrick Mayes looks like a bona fide star at wide receiver. But overall, the Fighting Irish's talent at wide receiver is thin.

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# SCOUTING THE INDEPENDENTS

**Ascending:** Louisville. Last year's Liberty Bowl victory over Michigan State capped a giant turnaround for the Cardinals, who may now be on the threshold of establishing themselves as consistent winners every year. The Cardinals continue to recruit well, the schedule is improving and Louisville moves into a 50,000-seat, on-campus stadium in 1995.

## Descending:

Cincinnati. The Bearcats enjoyed a breakthrough 8-3 season in 1993, but a lot went right for Cincinnati—from career performances by a bunch of seniors to a cushy schedule to some down years by independent opposition. New Coach Barry Minter, who was Notre Dame's defensive coordinator the last two seasons, faces an upgraded schedule (two Big Ten opponents) and several depth-chart gaps.

**Nightmare schedule:** Welcome to Division I-A, Northeast Louisiana. The Indians open with games at Colorado, Auburn and Georgia and have late-season road dates with Wyoming, Brigham Young and Kentucky, all of which played in bowls last year.

**Dream schedule:** Army hasn't faced such an easy road since Desert Storm. Three I-AA opponents (Holy Cross, The Citadel, Boston University) dot the ledger, and games with Duke, Temple, Wake Forest, Air Force and Navy are hardly imposing.

**Best matchup of the year:** Notre Dame vs. Florida State, take two. The Irish visit Orlando's Citrus Bowl on November 12—they wouldn't go to Tallahassee—and ABC can't wait. Count on it: The hype for this game will begin in August—if not sooner.

**Worst matchup of the year:** Notre Dame's October 29 home date with Navy should be a fitting prelude to Halloween. Additionally, I-AA Troy State's visit to Cincinnati November 5 and I-AA Central Florida's trip to East Carolina November 12 also should be frightening. Boo!

**Shocker of the year:** East Carolina over Syracuse, September 24. The Pirates played a million kids during last season's disappointing 2-9 campaign. Therefore, East Carolina should be deep and dangerous when the Orangemen visit Greenville, N.C.

**Bowl bound:** Notre Dame will get a New Year's Day bowl bid, even if it loses three games. Louisville should grab another minor bowl invitation, but that's it.

**Biggest shoes to fill:** Just look under center. Ron Powlus must replace surprisingly effective Kevin McDougal at Notre Dame, Marty Lowe steps in for record-setting Jeff Brohm at Louisville, Tony Scarpino

assumes the controls at Memphis for graduated big-numbers guy Steve Matthews and sophomores Casey Borin and Troy DeGar are fighting to replace Gus Frerotte at Tulsa. **Most underrated player:** Southern Mississippi senior defensive tackle Michael Tobias is an impressive run-stopper who also can rush the passer (seven sacks in '93).

## HONOR ROLL

Best offensive line: Notre Dame	Best-hitting linebacker: Justin Goheen, Notre Dame
Best offensive backfield: Notre Dame	Best secondary: Notre Dame
Best backup quarterback: Mike Makovec, Army	Best-hitting defensive back: Bobby Taylor, Notre Dame
Best wide receivers: Notre Dame	Best kicking game: Northeast Louisiana
Best clutch receiver: Damon Dixon, Navy	Best kick-coverage units: Notre Dame
Best defensive line: Notre Dame	Best coaching staff: Notre Dame
Best-hitting defensive lineman: Michael Tobias, Southern Mississippi	Best coach: Lou Holtz, Notre Dame
Best linebackers: Notre Dame	Best Heisman candidate: Lee Becton, TB, Notre Dame
	Best pro prospect: Lee Becton, TB, Notre Dame

## RETURNING LEADERS

**Rushing:** Junior Smith, East Carolina, 122.9 yds./game (278 att., 1,352 yds., 9 TDs, 4.9 avg.).

**Passing efficiency:** Jim Kubiak, Navy, 117.5 rating pts. (401 att., 248 comp., 2,628 yds., 11 TDs).

**Total offense:** Jim Kubiak, Navy, 226.9 yds./game (-132 yds. rushing, 2,628 yds. passing, 2,496 total yds.).

**Receiving:** Jamie Asher, Louisville, 4.7 rec./game (52 rec., 658 yds., 3 TDs, 12.7 avg.).

**Scoring:** Tom Dallen, Cincinnati, 7.6 pts./game (0 TDs, 33 PATs, 17 FGs, 84 pts.).

**Punting:** Brandon Brookfield, Louisville, 41.1 avg. (59 punts, 2,422 yds.).

**Punt returns:** L.T. Guiley, Southern Mississippi, 11.9 avg. (18 att., 214 yds., 0 TDs).

**Kickoff returns:** Chris Hewitt, Cincinnati, 31.5 avg. (14 att., 441 yds., 1 TD).

**Field goals:** Tom Dallen, Cincinnati, 1.6 FGs/game (17/22 FGs, 77%).

**Interceptions:** Bobby Taylor, Notre Dame, .36 int./game (4 int., 100 yds., 1 TD).



Tight end Jamie Asher, who caught 52 passes in 1993, figures to again be a big part of Louisville's offense.

**Impact newcomers:** Jarvis Edison, DB, Notre Dame, Fr.; Ty Goode, WR, Notre Dame, Fr.; Ron Powlus, QB, Notre Dame, Fr.; Todd Preston, QB, Cincinnati, Jr. (JC); Ryan Roskelly, WR, Memphis, Jr. (JC).

**Coach of the year:** George Chaump, Navy. Don't laugh. The rest of the independents are down—save Notre Dame and

Louisville—and the Middies could finish with their first above-.500 mark since 1982.

**Coach on the hot seat:** Injuries killed East Carolina last year, but Steve Logan nonetheless enters his third year without a winning season. Another bad year could upset Pi-

rate fans, who still have fond memories of the 11-1 campaign in 1991 under Bill Lewis.

**Best bets:** Army, which paced the land in rushing offense last season (298.5 yards per game), again will rank among the nation's top rushing squads. . . . Notre Dame Coach Lou Holtz will try to pass off one of the Fighting Irish's creampuff opponents (Northwestern, Navy) as the collegiate equivalent of the Dallas Cowboys. . . . Northeast Louisiana receiver Stepfret Williams will make at least one all-name team. . . . Navy quarterback Jim Kubiak will throw for 2,000-plus yards in 1994.

**Odds and ends:** North Texas joins the ranks of the I-A independents in 1995, moving up from I-AA, with Central Florida arriving in 1996. . . . Notre Dame senior quarterback Paul Failla, thought to be freshman Ron Powlus' main competition

for the starting job, skipped spring practice to concentrate on baseball. A promising shortstop, Failla may quit football altogether to continue playing what he considers his best sport. . . . After opening its season at home September 3 against Southern Mississippi, Tulane plays six of its next seven games on the road. . . . Louisville opens its season September 3 at hated intrastate rival Kentucky. The two schools haven't met in football since 1924. The Wildcats have won all six meetings with the Cardinals, who have never scored in the series. The two schools have scheduled five more meetings. . . . Memphis recorded its second straight winning season last year, something the Tigers hadn't done since 1975-76. . . . Notre Dame enters the season with a 14-game road winning streak. The Fighting Irish record is 15 straight road triumphs, set from 1929-31. . . . Tulsa is part of the new 16-school Western Athletic Conference. The Golden Hurricane will begin its WAC competition in 1996. ♦

—MICHAEL BRADLEY



# The Talcum Twins

## Johnson & Johnson clean up

By BILL DOHERTY

Free-lance writer

At the start of last season, North Carolina football fans were still bemoaning fullback Natrone Means' decision to forgo his senior season and enter the National Football League draft.

Even with the departure of Means, North Carolina had all the elements of a bona fide Top 20 team—a veteran defense, solid kicking game, strong offensive line and speedy, proven wideouts. All the Tar Heels needed was a running game and a steady quarterback to contend for a major bowl bid.

They got both, to the delight of their fans and the dismay of Atlantic Coast Conference opponents.

The big news out of Chapel Hill was North Carolina Coach Mack Brown's solution for the Tar Heels' running back woes: a pair of talented, but untested runners, sophomore Curtis Johnson and redshirt freshman Leon Johnson. Curtis Johnson, the third-string tailback in 1992, had played only in mop-up duty. Leon hadn't played a down at running back and was the scout team quarterback in his redshirt season. That changed after Means declared for the draft and Leon went to the coaches and requested a chance to play tailback.

"We knew both had speed and ability, but neither had experienced real success in a real game," Brown said. "So, naturally, we had questions about their toughness, their ability to run inside and their ability to handle the blitz. To make life easier on them, we put in the option offense. We just felt like the option would allow them to get out on the corner and use their speed. And it worked."

Did it ever. The Johnson & Johnson tandem developed into one of the nation's most potent one-two punches as both rushed for over 1,000 yards. Curtis totaled 1,034 yards and 11 touchdowns and made the All-ACC first team. Leon rushed for 1,012 yards, scored 14 TDs and won ACC Rookie of the Year honors.

In addition to the Johnsons, Carolina's offense found its steady leader in junior quarterback Jason Stanicek, who emerged as the third star in the Tar Heels' backfield.

Stanicek, who regained his starting job when Mike Thomas missed spring practice with a torn chest muscle, started the 1993 opener, the Pigskin Classic against Southern California. He turned the game into his personal coming-out party, completing six of eight passes for 101 yards as the Tar Heels racked up 291 rushing yards. Stanicek made several key plays and received the game's most valuable player award in a stunningly easy 31-9 victory.

The game was a springboard to a solid season in which he set numerous school records, including total offense (2,284 yards) and completion percentage (.641). He threw for 200-plus yards in three regular-season games and set a school single-game record for completions in a bowl game when, despite taking a

## UNIT RANKINGS

beating from the Alabama defense, he completed 19 of 35 passes for 225 yards in the 1993 Gator Bowl loss to the Crimson Tide. Stanicek was named second-team All-ACC, behind Heisman Trophy winner Charlie Ward.

Thanks to its potent offense and senior-laden defense, Carolina went 10-3. The two Johnsons left opposing tacklers in their wake and left Tar Heel fans grasping for new catch phrases for their dynamic duo. First, the "Talcum Twins." Then, the undisputed champion: "Johnson & Johnson . . . No More Tears." The latter moniker captured the idea that the duo had dispelled the worries of Carolina fans, making folks along Tobacco Road forget about Means' early departure.

"Coming into the season, all we heard was, 'You guys have some big shoes to fill with Natrone gone,'" Curtis Johnson said. "We just decided not to worry about what other people were saying and just went out and played. And things worked out. We had a great year, a better season than a lot of people expected."

Said Leon Johnson: "There's no problem between the two of us. We're good friends. Curtis and I both know that there are enough carries to go around. And the fact that one of us is around helps the other; it pushes you to be the best you can be."

Now household names, the Carolina backfield mates and Stanicek face an even more difficult task—coming up with an encore. It won't be easy, not with one starter returning on the offensive line and eight new faces on defense. But as they proved last year, these guys like a challenge.

"It should be quite a challenge this year,"



BRUCE L. SCHWARTZMAN

When it came to filling big shoes at North Carolina, Curtis Johnson did his part by rushing for 1,034 yards and 11 touchdowns in 1993.

Leon Johnson said. "But our goals remain the same. We both want to rush for 1,000 yards. Plus, we have team goals: to go to a bowl game and win it, to win the state title (beat the other North Carolina ACC teams on its schedule), to be nationally ranked and who knows, with some luck, maybe make a run at the national championship."

A national championship in football? Isn't Tobacco Road basketball territory? Usually, but while some college football fans were surprised by the big numbers compiled by the Johnsons, star Tar Heel running backs are nothing new. From the legendary Charlie (Choo Choo) Justice in the late 1940s to (Famous) Amos Lawrence, Kelvin Bryant and Means in more recent years, North Carolina has always been able to find good running backs.

In fact, in the history of college football, North Carolina has produced more 1,000-yard single-season rushers (23) than any other Division I school. More than Student Body Right U., Southern Cal. More than Notre Dame, Texas, Alabama or Oklahoma.

Curtis Johnson, who grew up in Greensboro, N.C., admits that even though he grew up in the state, he didn't know much about the tradition of running stars at Chapel Hill. But he proved a quick study.

"Honestly, I didn't know anything about the tailback tradition here when I was in high



BOB ROSATO

Whenever opponents closed in last season, Tar Heel runners Johnson & Johnson took a powder. Leon's contributions featured an ACC Rookie of the Year effort in which he broke loose for 14 TDs.



school," Curtis Johnson said. "But once I learned about the tradition, I wanted to be the next one to gain a thousand yards."

Mission accomplished. Johnson & Johnson put their names in the North Carolina record books last year. Each did so in different fashion, which comes as no surprise because the Talcum Twins are not identical. Curtis is quieter, more serious. Leon is more outgoing and dreams one day of singing the national anthem at the Super Bowl.

On the field, Leon runs like a rabbit, making defenders miss with his quick cuts, jukes and 360-degree spins. He developed his running style at a young age, when his father, William Clarence Johnson, urged him to run through the woods behind the family's Morganton, N.C., home. The elder Johnson told his young son to pretend the trees were tacklers. Not exactly textbook style training, but effective nonetheless.

"I'll put it to you this way: It didn't take me long to start making those trees miss," Leon Johnson said.

In contrast to Leon Johnson's darting running style, Curtis Johnson runs straight at the defense. He dares them to catch him. The reason? Curtis Johnson has the speed that makes NFL front-office types drool. He set state records in high school and holds the Tar Heel record in the 100-meter dash (10.38 seconds). Johnson's tremendous foot speed makes him a threat to score from anywhere on the field. He is the only player in ACC history to have three runs of 75 yards or more in his career.

"I think our different styles is what made it all work so well last year," Leon Johnson said. "It's tough on the defense. Curtis plays for five plays and they get tired of chasing after him. And then I come in fresh with my hippity-hop running style for the next five plays. It keeps us both well-rested, which makes us a bigger threat when our number is called."

While their running styles are different, Leon and Curtis are similar in other ways. Beyond the obvious—both play tailback and are North Carolina natives and superior athletes—the Johnsons both overcame obstacles as youths.

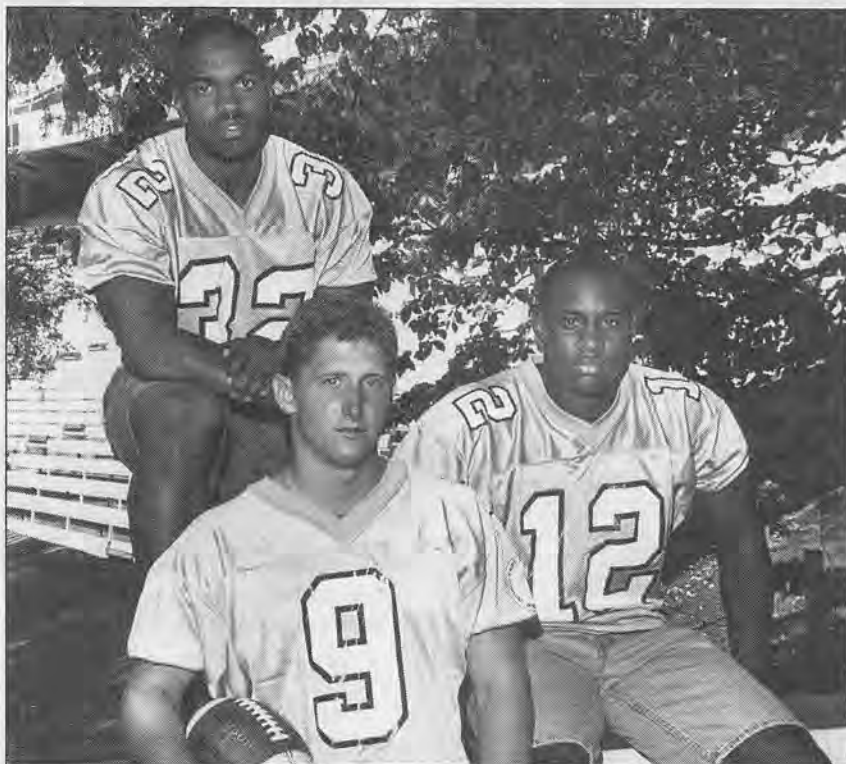
Curtis Johnson's father died when he was an infant, and Curtis' mother abandoned him. He was adopted at age 6 by his grandmother, Williet Johnson. No one in his family had graduated from high school, and Johnson appeared to be headed down the same path when his grade-point average dipped below a 2.0 in his first semester at Ben L. Smith High School in Greensboro.

Thanks to his strong-willed grandmother and his high school football coach, David Moody, that all changed. The two helped Johnson turn his life around and made him believe he could make something of himself. Curtis Johnson graduated with honors and has been a solid college student.

"My grandmother saved my life," Curtis Johnson said. "She really did. She has taught me everything I know about life. And when I get down, I think of her for inspiration. Here's a woman who has raised two generations of our family and never once complained. She's my hero."

Leon Johnson's bout with adversity came during his senior year at Freedom High School in Morganton. Leon suffered a bruised kidney in a game. Though his kidney was bleeding, he stayed in the game and re-

## OFFENSIVE BACKFIELDS



North Carolina backfield: (from left) Curtis Johnson, Jason Stanicek and Leon Johnson.

### 1. NORTH CAROLINA

**Key players:** William Henderson, FB; \*Curtis Johnson, TB; Leon Johnson, TB; \*Malcolm Marshall, FB; \*Jason Stanicek, QB; Mike Thomas, QB.

**Comment:** Johnson & Johnson are dynamic, and Stanicek is a quality signal-caller.

### 2. MICHIGAN

**Key players:** Tim Biakabutuka, TB; \*Todd Collins, QB; Ed Davis, TB; \*Che' Foster, FB; Jon Ritchie, FB; \*Tyronne Wheatley, TB.

**Comment:** Depth at tailback causes envy, and Collins is one of the nation's top five quarterbacks.

### 3. WISCONSIN

**Key players:** \*Darrell Bevell, QB; Terrell Fletcher, TB; Ron Johnson, FB; Carl McCullough, TB; \*Brent Moss, TB; Royce Robertson, FB.

**Comment:** Moss and Fletcher may be the nation's best tailback duo.

### 4. TEXAS A&M

**Key players:** \*Clif Groce, FB; Leeland McElroy, TB; \*Corey Pullig, QB; Detron Smith, FB; \*Rodney Thomas, TB.

**Comment:** Greg Hill is gone, but Thomas and McElroy should explode.

### 5. NEBRASKA

**Key players:** Damon Benning, RB; Brook Berringer, QB; \*Tommie Frazier, QB; Lawrence Phillips, RB; \*Cory Schlesinger, FB.

**Comment:** Frazier smokes, and Benning and Phillips should make up for the loss of Calvin Jones.

### 6. NOTRE DAME

**Key players:** \*Lee Beaton, TB; Marc Edwards, FB; Paul Failla, QB; Robert Farmer, TB; Randy Kinder, TB; Ron Powilus, QB; \*Ray Zellars, FB.

**Comment:** Powilus is a prodigy, and the backs are an unsung-but-productive group.

### 7. FLORIDA STATE

**Key players:** Zack Crockett, FB; Warrick Dunn, TB; Danny Kanell, QB; Tiger McMillon, TB (RS/knee); Jon Stark, QB; Clarence (Pooh Bear) Williams, FB.

**Comment:** The defending national champions have quality and quantity.

### 8. PENN STATE

**Key players:** Mike Archie, TB; \*Ki-Jana Carter, TB; \*Kerry Collins, QB; Brian Milne, FB; Stephen Pitts, TB; Wally Richardson, QB; Jon Witman, FB.

**Comment:** Lions go three-deep at tailback and have experience at quarterback.

### 9. COLORADO

**Key players:** Shay Davis, TB; Koy Detmer, QB; Chris Hall, TB; \*Rashaan Salaam, TB; \*Kordell Stewart, QB.

**Comment:** An excess of riches at quarterback, and Salaam is a slasher.

### 10. RUTGERS

**Key players:** \*Ray Lucas, QB; \*Bruce Presley, TB; Terrell Willis, TB.

**Comment:** Presley/Willis duo is potent, and Lucas is an emerging talent.

\*Returning starter.

turned a punt for the game-winning touchdown before going to the hospital. Later that year, he barely escaped a fire that destroyed his family's home. Donations from family and friends enabled the Johnsons to purchase a new home in Morganton.

"Curtis and Leon are character people," Brown said. "Other people would have encountered what Curtis and Leon did and would have given up. You see it all the time

in our society, people sitting around crying that they're victims and they can't do this or that, because of this or that. But in life, sometimes people start out 20 yards ahead of other people, but it doesn't mean that they can't all finish the race at the same time. And these kids are finishers. They have never given in to the victim syndrome. They are two very special young men who are driven to succeed on the field and in the classroom." ♦



# UNIT RANKINGS

## Talent prompts Nittany Lions to take flight

By **MICHAEL BRADLEY**

*Free-lance writer*

**T**he statistic is as out of place as a belching smokestack in a pristine meadow: Penn State quarterbacks threw the football 28.3 times per game last season. Yes, Penn State, the team renowned for its historically relentless ground attack and conservative offensive philosophy, moved into the Big Ten Conference last year with its version of an aerial circus.

Brace yourselves, it could get even wilder this year. The Nittany Lions can—and will—still run the ball, but the maturation of senior passer Kerry Collins and the development of one of the deepest receiving corps in the country will almost force stodgy Joe Paterno to keep the passes coming. Paterno remains a threat to call four straight line plunges from the 1-yard line—see last year's Michigan game—but Paterno knows a good thing when he has one.

"I think we have some people that can help give us a more balanced passing game than we've had," Paterno said. "We go into this year a lot better off than we were last year."

And last year was pretty impressive, particularly Penn State's last three games. In victories over Northwestern, Michigan State and Tennessee, Collins completed 57 of 96 passes for 792 yards and six touchdowns, an ominous warning to 1994 opponents willing to load up against the Lions' ever-potent ground game.

Eight-man fronts mean single coverage in the secondary, and that's a mistake against Penn State. The Nittany Lions' receivers, led by junior Bobby Engram, are fast, sure-handed and efficient, accounting for 18 TDs in 1993.

The explosive Engram (48 receptions, 13 TDs) is joined by senior Phil Collins, sophomores Chris Campbell and Freddie Scott, junior Justin Williams and redshirt freshman Joe Jurevicius in the latest line of top-flight Penn State receivers, which began with Jimmy Cefalo and Kenny Jackson and continued with Michael Timpson and O.J. McDuffie. And there's senior tight end Kyle Brady, who blocks like a tackle but still caught 26 passes last year.

"We have as much talent at receiver as you can get," Engram said. "We might not get to showcase it as much at Penn State as at some other schools, but it's there."

Engram detonated in last year's season opener, scoring four touchdowns against Minnesota. He concluded the season by earning All-Big Ten honors and the Citrus Bowl's Most Valuable Player award. A 5-foot-

## RECEIVERS



Penn State receivers: (from left) Kyle Brady, Bobby Engram, Phil Collins, Freddie Scott, Justin Williams and Keith Olsommer.

### 1. TEXAS

**Key players:** \*Mike Adams, WR; Steve Bradley, TE; Matt Davis, WR; \*Jimmy Hakes, TE; Eric Jackson, WR; Justin McLemore, WR; \*Lovell Pinkney, WR.

**Comment:** A great variety of pass catchers in Longhorn land.

### 2. COLORADO

**Key players:** Rae Carruth, WR; \*Christian Fauria, TE; James Kidd, WR; Matt Lepsis, TE; \*Michael Westbrook, WR.

**Comment:** Westbrook is the big-play man, and Fauria is Mr. Dependable.

### 3. WISCONSIN

**Key players:** \*J.C. Dawkins, FL; \*Lee DeRamus, SE; Matt Nyquist, TE; \*Michael Roan, TE.

**Comment:** Solid group features DeRamus, who is closing in on Al Toon's Badger records.

### 4. PENN STATE

**Key players:** \*Kyle Brady, TE; Chris Campbell, WR; Phil Collins, WR; \*Bobby Engram, WR; Joe Jurevicius, WR; Keith Olsommer, TE; Freddie Scott, WR; Justin Williams, WR.

**Comment:** Engram is considered better than O.J. McDuffie.

### 5. MICHIGAN

**Key players:** Pierre Cooper, TE; Mercury Hayes, WR; Seth Smith, WR; \*Walter Smith, WR; Amani Toomer, WR.

**Comment:** Exceptional trio of targets gives balance to Michigan attack.

### 6. FLORIDA

**Key players:** Ronnie Battle, WR; Chris Doering, WR; Aubrey Hill, WR; \*Jack Jackson, WR; Shawn Nunn, TE; Sorola Palmer, WR.

**Comment:** Jackson is the best, and Doering is a versatile, underrated complement.

### 7. UCLA

**Key players:** Bryan Adams, SE; Jamal Clark, TE; \*Kevin Jordan, FL; Mike Nguyen, FL; Brian Richards, TE; \*J.J. Stokes, SE.

**Comment:** Stokes is the nation's most dangerous target, and the rest of the cast is solid.

### 8. MIAMI (FLA.)

**Key players:** Dietrich Clausell, TE; Tony Gaiter, WR; Jammi German, FL; Jonathan Harris, FL; Chris T. Jones, SE; Omar Rolle, WR; A.C. Tellison, FL; Syll Tucker, TE.

**Comment:** Loaded with potential, this crew could make life easy for the Hurricane quarterbacks.

### 9. GEORGIA

**Key players:** Hason Graham, SE; Maurice Harrell, TE; \*Brice Hunter, FL; Jerry Jerman, SE; \*Jeff Thomas, SE; James Warner, TE.

**Comment:** Eric Zeier enjoys throwing to Hunter and Graham, who both have star potential.

### 10. BOSTON COLLEGE

**Key players:** Michael Campbell, FL; \*Clarence Cannon, SE; Brent Gibbons, TE; Greg Grice, SE; Gordon Laro, TE; \*Pete Mitchell, TE; Kenyatta Watson, SE.

**Comment:** Some say Mitchell is the best receiver in college football.

\*Returning starter.

10, 185-pound speedster who rarely drops a pass, Engram often benefited from single coverage in '93 and gives the Lions a game-breaker. Jackson, now Penn State's wide-receivers coach, likens him to National Football League star Andre Rison.

Jackson expects Scott and Campbell to emerge as weapons by midseason. Both have good speed but lack game experience. The 6-5 Jurevicius is a strong wideout with good hands. And Brady makes his living in the flats and between coverage seams.

"We opened up the offense a little at the end of last year, because Kerry's confidence was growing," Brady said. "I think that will

set a tone for this year. We have a lot of weapons at receiver, so defenses can't just focus on Bobby."

And if opposing secondaries conspire against the Penn State receivers, Paterno will unleash talented junior tailbacks Ki-Jana Carter, Mike Archie and Stephen Pitts. Remember, Penn State can always run the ball.

"When we run the ball well, we put the defense in a difficult position," Jackson said. "We have to stop looking at how many passes our receivers catch. If Bobby Engram catches 30 balls and scores 20 touchdowns, that's a helluva year. We don't want to just throw the ball more. We want to be more productive." ♦

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# UNIT RANKINGS

## Once rejected, Oklahoma line now respected

By JOHN ROHDE

Oklahoma City Daily Oklahoman

Oklahoma's offensive line has been rotated, rejected and ridiculed.

Now, it's being respected.

The Sooners haven't won the Big Eight Conference championship in seven years. Not coincidentally, assistant head coach Merv Johnson hasn't been particularly fond of talking about the offensive line since then.

"I've always been a little excited," he said, "but this year I'm a little more confident, probably the most confident I've been since 1987."

The Sooners have won more national rushing titles (11) than any other school and still own NCAA season records for rushing yards per game (472.4) and per carry (6.83). Those marks, however, were set in 1971, and the rushing yardage has come in much smaller chunks in recent years.

One explanation was the presence of quarterback Cale Gundy, a four-year starter who departed last spring as the school's all-time leading passer. The Sooners simply threw the ball a lot more with Gundy around. Another explanation was that Oklahoma lacked its usual arsenal of talented offensive linemen.

But those days appear to be over.

Senior Ben Cavil and juniors Harry Stamps, J.R. Conrad, Milton Overton and Chuck Langston start on the current line, and behind them are a half-dozen players with experience. Four redshirt freshmen with bright futures also are on hand.

"This is still a really young line," Coach Gary Gibbs said. "They're a heckuva unit with some athletic ability and potential to become even better in time."

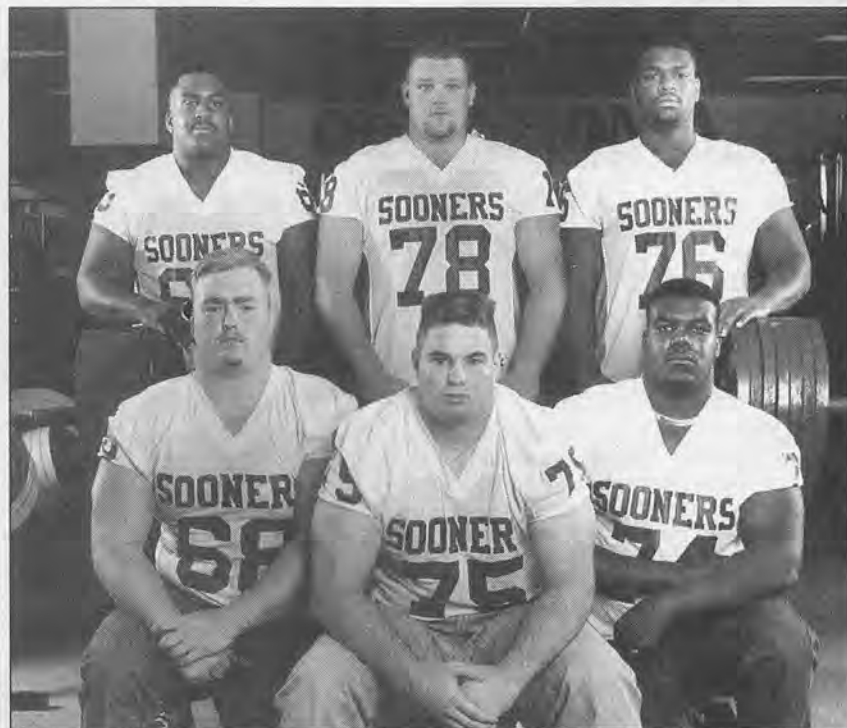
Gibbs knows who will start, but where they'll start is a little hazy. The best bet is Stamps and Conrad at tackle, Overton and Cavil at guard and Langston at center. Each has played more than one position, and three of them arrived on campus as defensive linemen. There have been numerous times when no one knew exactly who would play where.

"That can be a little unfair," Johnson said of playing musical chairs on the offensive line. "It puts that player in a bind. You don't like to do it unless you have to."

"Sometimes you get sick of it, playing all those mind games," said Conrad, who has played both tackle positions as well as center. "But for everybody who doesn't know who's going to start, it just makes them work harder."

Injuries and the harsh effects of NCAA probation handed down in 1989—which included a reduction in scholarships at Okla-

## OFFENSIVE LINES



Oklahoma offensive line: (top, from left) Ben Cavil, J.R. Conrad, Harry Stamps. (bottom, from left) Joe Carroll, Chuck Langston, Milton Overton.

### 1. TENNESSEE

**Key players:** Jason Layman, T; Kevin Mays, G; Bubba Miller, C; Trey Peterson, G; Leslie Ratliffe, T; Jeff Smith, G.

**Comment:** Smith is the anchor of a deep and talented Volunteer unit.

### 2. FLORIDA STATE

**Key players:** Forrest Conoly, T; Jesus Hernandez, T; Juan Laureano, T; Patrick McNeil, G; Clay Shiver, C; Lewis Tyre, G.

**Comment:** The foundation of an offense that averaged 548 yards per game in '93 returns.

### 3. WISCONSIN

**Key players:** Cayetano Castro, T; Cory Raymer, C; Joe Rudolph, G; Steve Stark, G; Mike Verstegen, T; Jerry Wunsch, T.

**Comment:** Four starters return from a unit that helped the Badgers net 250.8 yards rushing per game in '93.

### 4. COLORADO

**Key players:** Tony Berti, T; Chad Hammond, G; Heath Irwin, G; Chris Naeole, G; Bryan Stollenberg, C; Derek West, T.

**Comment:** Versatile line helps make the Buffaloes dangerous by land and air.

### 5. MICHIGAN

**Key players:** Thomas Guynes, T; Trezelle Jenkins, T; Joe Marinaro, G; Rod Payne, C; Jon Runyan, G; Mike Sullivan, T.

**Comment:** Young Wolverine unit came alive late last season. The big boys should blossom in 1994.

### 6. NEBRASKA

**Key players:** Aaron Graham, C; Brenden Stai, G; Zach Wiegert, T; Joel Wilks, G; Rob Zatechka, T.

**Comment:** Once again, the Cornhuskers will feature five earthmovers up front.

### 7. TEXAS

**Key players:** Blake Brockermeyer, T; Trent Elliott, C; John Elmore, G; Dan Neil, G/C; Joe Phillips, T.

**Comment:** Brockermeyer leads sweeps, and the country will come to know Neil and Elmore.

### 8. FLORIDA

**Key players:** Dean Golden, G; Reggie Green, T; Anthony Ingrassia, C/T; Kevin Johnson, C; Jeff Mitchell, G; Jason Odom, T; David Swain, C; Donnie Young, G.

**Comment:** Odom and Green may be the most attractive bookends in the country.

### 9. KANSAS

**Key players:** Mark Allison, T; Hessley Hempstead, G; Joe Hornback, C; John Jones, G; Rod Jones, T.

**Comment:** Short, powerful guards Jones and Hempstead spearhead a strong rushing attack.

### 10. OKLAHOMA

**Key players:** Joe Carroll, G; Ben Cavil, G; J.R. Conrad, T; Chuck Langston, C; Milton Overton, G; Harry Stamps, T.

**Comment:** Five returning starters will make the Sooners boom in the Big Eight.

\*Returning starter.

homa—caused much of the shuffling. Many players had to see action before they were ready.

"They learned the hard way," Gibbs said. "They were thrust out there and they really performed well, particularly late last year."

As a group, the Oklahoma linemen's greatest attribute may be the dedication exhibited at practice and in the weight room.

"We're not the biggest (offensive line in

the country)," the 6-foot-5, 290-pound Stamps said. "But by the time fall hits, we may be."

That's what Sooner fans, who long for a return to the glory days of Oklahoma football, like to hear.

"Before, we thought we could win. Now, we know we can win," Langston said. "We've got so much hunger to get that Big Eight title back again. I think the OU of old will show up this year." ♦

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# UNIT RANKINGS

## An odd mix just the tonic for Colorado

By JOHN HENDERSON

The Denver Post

**T**he Three Musketeers they are not. Don't even bother trying to find a common thread running through the stellar defensive line at Colorado. The Buffaloes' down linemen are as different as guests at a United Nations mixer.

From left to right, there's Shannon Clavelle, a junior tackle who requested a move from the Louisiana bayou to the mean streets of New Orleans to get more exposure as a high school player; Kerry Hicks, a junior nose tackle and a Mormon from Salt Lake City who goes fishing every Sunday whether the Buffs win or lose the day before; and Darius Holland, a senior tackle from Las Cruces, N.M., who grew up as a military brat in Panama and speaks fluent Spanish.

Well, wait. They do have one thing in common.

"We don't go out," Hicks said, "but once we get on the field, we're all about the three best friends."

This odd mix turned Colorado's 1993 defense from terrible in September to terrific in December. The Buffaloes had given up an average of 457 yards a game in stumbling to a 2-2 non-league mark before getting two weeks off to regroup before their Big Eight Conference opener against Missouri.

"The defense wasn't cutting it," Hicks said. "The coaches said, 'We're playing horrible. We've got to make changes.'"

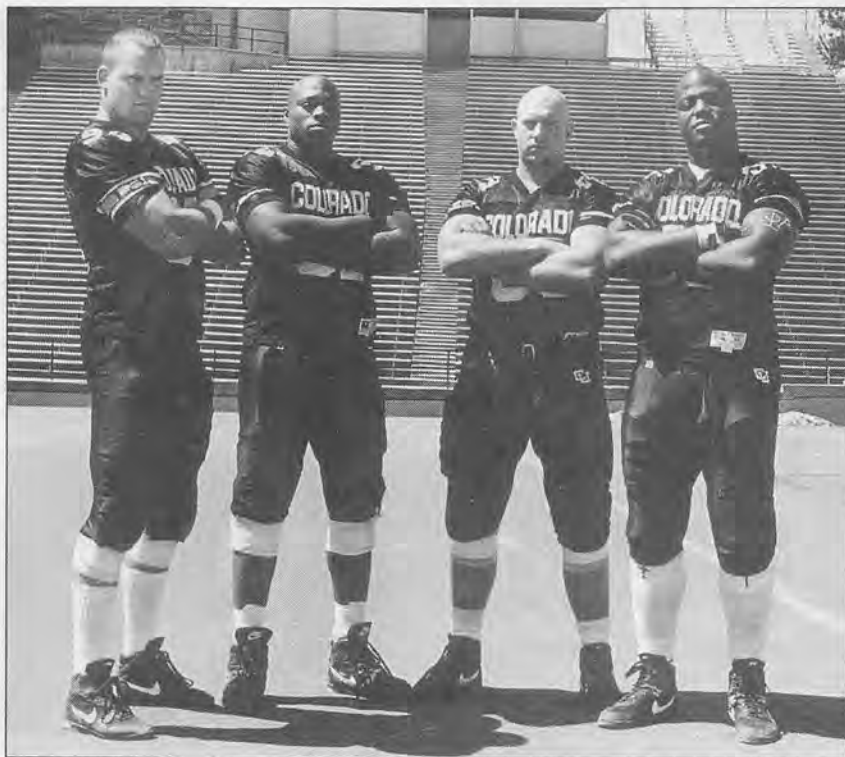
Hicks, undersized but tenacious at 6-foot-6 and 260 pounds, was moved from left tackle to nose tackle. The 6-4, 270-pound Clavelle was switched from nose tackle to left tackle. The since-departed Jeff Brunner, recovered from knee surgery, replaced Clavelle on the nose for two games, but Hicks started the last six games there as Colorado finished the season 4-1-1.

"In our defensive scheme, we need a dominant nose tackle," defensive-line coach Bob Simmons said. "After shuffling some guys around, we determined as a staff these are the guys to go with."

The shuffling also gave the young line a wealth of experience. Clavelle, Hicks and Holland have all played both in the middle and on the end.

"As far as playing with the other guys, the chemistry wasn't there," Clavelle said. "Playing with Darius and Kerry, we feel we're like one. On a particular play, I just know Kerry will be in this position and Holland will be in this position. We all feel that way about each other."

## DEFENSIVE LINES



Colorado defensive line: (from left) Kerry Hicks, Shannon Clavelle, Clint Moore and Darius Holland.

### 1. COLORADO

**Key players:** Shannon Clavelle, T; Kerry Hicks, NT; Darius Holland, T; Clint Moore, T.

**Comment:** Active Buffalo trio is the best returning line for 1994.

### 2. FLORIDA

**Key players:** David Barnard, T; Mark Campbell, E; Kevin Carter, E; Johnnie Church, E; Cameron Davis, E; Ellis Johnson, T; Henry McMillian, T.

**Comment:** Exceptional depth for a group that should improve in 1994.

### 3. ARIZONA

**Key players:** Tedy Bruschi, E; Jim Hoffman, T; Akil Jackson, E; Chuck Osborne, NG; Joe Salave'a, T (RS/academics).

**Comment:** Don't expect a big drop-off with the departure of Rob Waldrop.

### 4. MIAMI (FLA.)

**Key players:** Kenny Holmes, E; Pat Riley, T; Warren Sapp, T; Baraka Short, E.

**Comment:** Despite losses, the Hurricanes seldom lack talent up front.

### 5. FLORIDA STATE

**Key players:** Derrick Alexander, E; Chris Cowart, E; Tyrant Marion, T; James Roberson, E; Orpheus Royce, DL.

**Comment:** Alexander and Cowart should squeeze foes in new 4-3 alignment.

### 6. VIRGINIA

**Key players:** Duane Ashman, E/T; Mike Frederick, E; Jon Harris, E; Mark Krichbaum, T; Ryan Kuehl, T.

**Comment:** Frederick and Krichbaum combined for 33 tackles for losses in 1993.

### 7. KANSAS STATE

**Key players:** Tim Colston, T; Darrell Harbert, T; Matt McEwen, E; Dirk Ochs, E; Andrew Timmons, E; Nyle Wiren, E.

**Comment:** Young unit showed great improvement last year and should get better.

### 8. BAYLOR

**Key players:** Joseph Asbell, NT; Daryl Gardener, E; Charles Horton, T; Roderick Kinney, NT; Scotty Lewis, E; Sheldon Mallory, E; Ivan Mazoch, E; Steve Strahan, NT; Bryan Tanner, E; Byron Thompson, E.

**Comment:** These Bears will thrive in new 3-4 alignment.

### 9. WASHINGTON STATE

**Key players:** Chad Eaton, T; DeWayne Patterson, E; Don Sasa, E; Todd Shaw, T.

**Comment:** Eaton and Patterson are Cougars' Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside, respectively.

### 10. WEST VIRGINIA

**Key players:** John Browning, E (status uncertain; suspended in off-season); Barry Hawkins, T; Steve Perkins, E.

**Comment:** These Mountaineers discourage foes from running the football.

\*Returning starter.

None of the three players posted sparkling numbers in '93 (Clavelle had 74 tackles and Holland had four sacks), but in the league games that the trio started, opponents averaged only 16.8 points.

Colorado finished second in the Big Eight in rushing defense (150.3 yards per game), and it should be even better this year. Clint

Moore, a two-year starter at guard, switched to defense and is back after redshirting last year. Coach Bill McCartney likes Moore so much that he may start him at nose tackle and move Hicks elsewhere.

"They're all good," McCartney said. "Those are four guys who are going to be what this (defense) is built around." ♦



# UNIT RANKINGS

## Brooks ignites Seminoles' linebackers

By DAVID H. CARROLL

Free-lance writer

From sideline to sideline and end zone to end zone, there isn't a better linebacker in college football than Derrick Brooks of Florida State. His big-play ability and uncanny knack for being in the right place at the right time guide the Seminoles' defense.

"Our defense's job is to get the ball back to our offense, and Derrick consistently comes up with the big plays for us," longtime Florida State defensive coordinator Mickey Andrews said. "He uses his instincts and speed and knowledge of what's happening in front of him. He just knows and anticipates. Then he uses his athletic ability to run and change directions and make those plays."

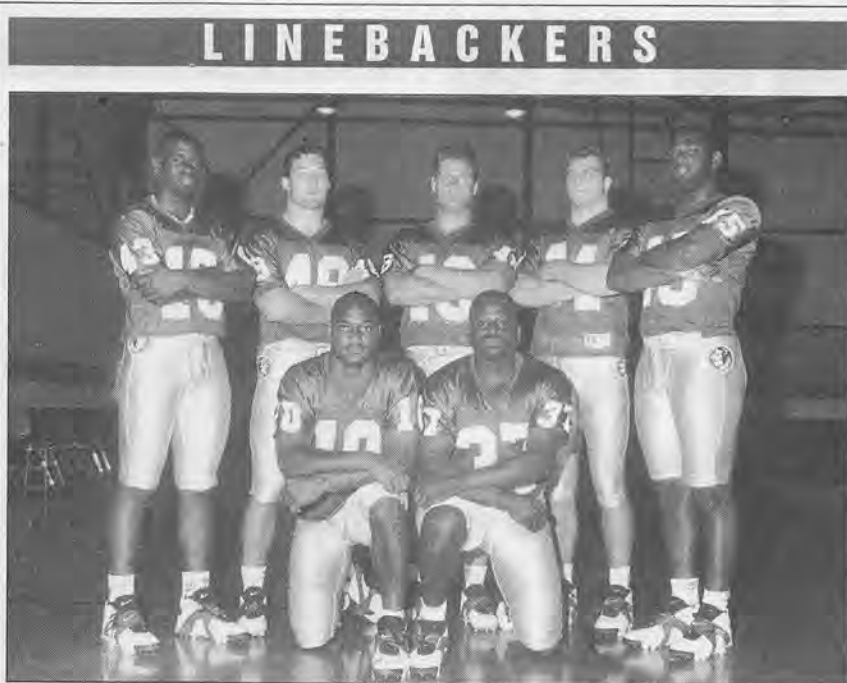
In the first month of the 1993 season, Brooks' big plays came in bunches. He intercepted two passes, forced two fumbles, recovered two fumbles, broke up four passes, blocked a punt, made four tackles for losses and three tackles to preserve shutouts on goal-line stands—in Florida State's first four games. Brooks himself outscored the Seminoles' first four opponents, 18-14, by scoring three touchdowns, two on interception returns and one on a fumble return. He was a virtual shoo-in to win the Butkus and Lombardi awards before he missed three games and parts of two others because of three injuries. Despite missing all that time, Brooks still was a consensus All-America and Defensive Player of the Year in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Now fully recovered from a nerve infection in his neck, an ankle injury and a broken right hand that shackled him for much of last year, Brooks enters his senior season psyched and sound.

"I'm raring to go," he said. "I'm setting my goals and standards even higher this season. Last year I scored three touchdowns. Well, this year I want to score at least four more. Last year, I made 77 tackles and my goal was 120. This year my goal is 130. I just want to improve on everything I did last year. And, on top of that, I want to stay healthy."

An emotional leader, Brooks will be counted on to provide a steady influence to a deep but relatively inexperienced Seminole linebacking corps. Florida State is restructuring its defense from a "50" alignment of three linemen, two standup outside linebackers, two inside linebackers and four defensive backs to a 4-3-4 scheme.

"We've been gradually moving in that direction for the last few years," outside line-



Florida State linebackers: (top, from left) Eric Smith, Todd Rebol, Travis Sherman, Daryl Bush, Henri Crockett. (bottom, from left) Derrick Brooks, Kendrick Scott. Not pictured: Sam Cowart.

### 1. ILLINOIS

**Key players:** "Kevin Hardy, OLB; "John Holecek, ILB; "Dana Howard, ILB; "Simeon Rice, OLB; Melvin Roberts, ILB.

**Comment:** "H Boys," plus Rice, give the Illini the best quartet of the season.

### 2. MICHIGAN

**Key players:** "Matt Dyson, OLB; "Jarrett Irons, ILB; "Steve Morrison, ILB; Bobby Powers, ILB; Trevor Pryce, OLB.

**Comment:** Morrison and Dyson provide veteran leadership; Irons emerged last season.

### 3. CLEMSON

**Key players:** Michael Barber, ILB; "Derek Burnette, ILB (status uncertain; suspended in off-season); "Tim Jones, ILB; "Wardell Rouse, OLB; Darrell Stephens, OLB.

**Comment:** Worthy heirs to Tigers' legacy of deep, athletic linebackers.

### 4. MIAMI (FLA.)

**Key players:** Kevin Brinkworth, MLB; James Burgess, OLB; "Corwin Francis, OLB; Ray Lewis, MLB; "Rohan Marley, OLB; Twan Russell, OLB.

**Comment:** Marley is fearless, Francis and Russell are solid and Lewis is the youngster to watch.

### 5. BOSTON COLLEGE

**Key players:** "Stephen Boyd, ILB; Stalin Colinet, OLB; Matt Haff, OLB; David Jones, OLB; "Mike Mamula, OLB; Ed Sanabria, ILB.

**Comment:** Boyd and Mamula take care of business for the Eagles.

### 6. FLORIDA STATE

**Key players:** "Derrick Brooks, OLB; Daryl Bush, MLB; Sam Cowart, OLB; Henri Crockett, MLB; Lamont Green, OLB; "Todd Rebol, OLB; Kendrick Scott, MLB; Travis Sherman, MLB; Eric Smith, OLB.

**Comment:** Brooks makes headlines, but his cohorts draw raves, too.

### 7. NOTRE DAME

**Key players:** Joe Babey, ILB; "Bert Berry, OLB; Lyrion Cobbs, ILB; "Justin Goheen, ILB; Jeremy Sample, ILB; Kinnon Tatum, ILB; Bill Wagasy, ILB; Renaldo Wynn, OLB.

**Comment:** Goheen and Berry aren't well-known—yet.

### 8. GEORGIA TECH

**Key players:** Jimmy Clements, OLB; Fred Coger, OLB; "Jamal Cox, ILB; Don Hickson, OLB; "Rodney Wilkerson, ILB.

**Comment:** Cox and Wilkerson are a solid inside duo, and Coger is emerging.

### 9. ALABAMA

**Key players:** "Darrell Blackburn, OLB; Tyrell Buckner, ILB; Fernando Davis, OLB; "Michael Rogers, ILB; John Walters, ILB.

**Comment:** Rogers replaces Lemanski Hall as the leader of the linebacker corps.

### 10. PENN STATE

**Key players:** Todd Atkins, OLB; Thad Brennan, ILB; "Brian Gelzheiser, ILB; Terry Killens, ILB; Willie Smith, ILB; Phil Yeboah-Kodie, OLB.

**Comment:** An unheralded group, but it's never wise to overlook Linebacker U.

\*Returning starter.

backers coach Jim Gladden said. "We moved because we have more good linebacker-type guys than we have down linemen and because the adjustments to formations are simpler in it. It also lends itself to be more of the attacking-type defense."

Starting at the outside spot opposite Brooks will be Todd Rebol, a solid 6-foot, 215-pound junior who came on strong at the end of last season. He'll be backed up by either sophomore Sam Cowart or senior Eric Smith. Brooks likely will be spelled by either Smith or highly touted freshman Lamont

Green. Sophomores Travis Sherman and Henri Crockett will battle talented redshirt freshman Daryl Bush for playing time at middle linebacker.

Brooks thinks Florida State's defense will be even better in 1994 than it was last season, when it surrendered only 9.4 points per game, best in the nation.

"Yeah, I think we'll be stronger," Brooks said, "because we're even hungrier now. We're going to have to carry the team until our offense, which lost some key people, comes around." ♦



# UNIT RANKINGS

## Super safeties pace Arizona's Desert Swarm

By ANTHONY GIMINO

Arizona Daily Star

**A**rizona senior free safety Tony Bouie spent last spring playing for the school's baseball team. Center field, naturally.

He was good with the glove, as you would think a safety would be, snaring fly balls near the wall and making circus catches. Strangely, he didn't hit very well. But that's one of the things he does best on the football field.

Bouie and junior Brandon Sanders, the super safety combination of Arizona's Desert Swarm defense, protect their territory with heady play and hard hits. And they're no longer a secret to the nation.

"Tony Bouie is the best free safety we'll play against," said Miami (Fla.) Coach Dennis Erickson, whose team couldn't solve any part of the Wildcats' defense in a 29-0 loss in the Fiesta Bowl.

"I really like Brandon Sanders," Stanford Coach Bill Walsh said. "He's one of the finest DBs in all of college football."

Either player could serve as a model of the typical Arizona defender. Not really a blue-chip prospect in high school. Not really big enough. But quick, aggressive and confident enough to help Arizona rank second in the nation in total defense last year. The Wildcats yielded just 236.9 yards per game.

"One of the ways in which he and I are alike is we don't say much before the game," said the 5-foot-10, 180-pound Bouie. "We just wait for the first snap to let our emotions go."

It would be impossible to hear from the stands, but when Sanders lets his emotions go, he releases a high-pitched laugh. When a running back is stopped behind the line of scrimmage, Sanders jumps and laughs and everything is right in the Wildcats' world.

"I hear him laughing," Bouie said, "and then I say, 'We're having some fun now.' He gets me excited."

Sanders began having fun on the football field at Helix High School in La Mesa, Calif. Helix has produced three other All-Pac-10 safeties in the last decade, including Chuck Cecil, perhaps the most-feared hitter in the National Football League.

When a receiver gets branded by Brandon, it's the stuff of highlight films. In a game against Illinois last season, Sanders leveled Illini quarterback Scott Weaver on a blitz, jarring the ball loose. Arizona defensive tackle Jim Hoffman scooped up the ball and ran 46 yards for a touchdown.

A few days later, Big Ten officials reviewed the film and said Sanders should have been

## DEFENSIVE BACKFIELDS



Arizona defensive backfield: (from left) Spencer Wray, Tony Bouie, Mike Scurlock, Claudius Wright and Brandon Sanders.

### 1. AUBURN

**Key players:** Calvin Jackson, CB; Otis Mounds, SS; Brian Robinson, FS; Chris Shelling, CB; Fred Smith, CB (RS/knee), CB.

**Comment:** This group will get better with Smith in the lineup.

### 2. FLORIDA STATE

**Key players:** Clifton Abraham, CB; Devin Bush, SS; Byron Capers, CB; James Colzie, CB; Corey Fuller, CB (RS/knee); Steve Gilmer, FS (RS/knee).

**Comment:** Abraham and Bush are excellent, and red-shirts will bolster the unit.

### 3. MICHIGAN

**Key players:** Decolo Anderson, SS; Jean-Agnus Charles, CB; Deon Johnson, CB; Ty Law, CB; Clarence Thompson, FS; Chuck Winters, FS.

**Comment:** Law is one of the best. Winters is a former tailback and Anderson had a great freshman season.

### 4. ARIZONA

**Key players:** Tony Bouie, FS; Shawn Parnell, CB (RS/academics); Brandon Sanders, SS; Mike Scurlock, CB; Spencer Wray, CB; Claudius Wright, CB.

**Comment:** Bouie and Sanders are the best safety tandem in the country.

### 5. WASHINGTON STATE

**Key players:** Greg Burns, CB; Torey Hunter, CB; Todd Jensen, FS; Girmar Johnson, SS; Singor Mobley, SS; John Rushing, FS.

**Comment:** Veteran secondary will make life hard on Pac-10 quarterbacks.

### 6. ALABAMA

**Key players:** Willie Gaston, FS; Tommy Johnson, CB; Cedric Samuel, CB; Sam Shade, SS.

**Comment:** Lacks the big names, but don't sell Johnson and Shade short.

### 7. CLEMSON

**Key players:** Brian Dawkins, SS; Leomont Evans, FS; Peter Ford, CB; Andre Humphrey, CB; Dexter McCleon, CB.

**Comment:** Athletic unit is paced by four returning starters.

### 8. TEXAS

**Key players:** Chris Carter, FS; Joey Ellis, CB; Victor Frazier, CB; Brian Howard, FS; Jon Hunter, SS; Tre Thomas, SS; Bryant Westbrook, CB.

**Comment:** Solid, capable unit will get its due this season.

### 9. BOSTON COLLEGE

**Key players:** Joe Kamara, CB; Keith Kormanik, SS; Daryl Porter, CB; Tony Ransome, CB; Michael Reed, CB; Eric Shorter, SS; Terence Wiggins, FS; Jermaine Woods, SS.

**Comment:** Reed and Kamara give the Eagles good speed on the outside.

### 10. TEXAS A&M

**Key players:** Donovan Greer, CB; Michael Hendricks, SS; Steve Kenney, FS; Typail McMullen, SS; Ray Mickens, CB; Billy Mitchell, CB; Junior White, FS.

**Comment:** Mickens, the latest star Aggie cornerback, is backed up by a solid pair of safeties.

\*Returning starter.

penalized because he hit Weaver's head. What actually happened was that Sanders went after the ball, which was cocked near Weaver's shoulder pads. Comments about illegal hits are no laughing matter for Sanders.

"Film doesn't lie, but hits look worse than they are," said Sanders, a 5-10, 170-pounder. "You can go out and get the grade of cheap-shot artist . . . but I don't think that looks good at all. If you can't knock them out legal, don't hit them at all."

Last season, Bouie and Sanders were both big hits. Bouie tied for the Pac-10 lead with six interceptions and had 60 tackles, helping the Wildcats to their first 10-victory cam-

paign. Sanders had 55 tackles from his strong-safety spot and intercepted two passes. Bouie earned first-team All-Pac-10 honors; Sanders was a second-team pick.

Senior cornerback Claudius Wright returns to join Bouie and Sanders in a secondary that plays man-to-man coverage a majority of the time. Seniors Mike Scurlock and Spencer Wray will battle for the other starting cornerback spot.

"When you get some sort of identity, especially one that is known nationwide, you know you have to keep a consistency," Bouie said. "You may feel a certain pressure, but that's part of being good." ♦



# VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE

By DAVE LAGARDE

New Orleans Times-Picayune

It was fun, for a while. At least until the newness wore off, the telephone refused to stop ringing and the mail kept arriving by the boxful.

It was fun for New Orleans high school standout Peyton Manning when he was sitting in Steve Spurrier's office and dissecting game tapes with the Florida football coach. It was fun when he attended Bill Walsh's quarterbacks camp at Stanford. It was fun when he made a whirlwind tour of Texas one weekend that included stops in Austin and College Station. And it was fun getting the royal treatment at places like Tulane and Louisiana State and talking game strategy with coaches like Michigan's Gary Moeller, Notre Dame's Lou Holtz and Florida State's Bobby Bowden.

But somewhere along the way, and Manning isn't exactly sure when, the fun stopped and the long, hard, tiring grind of the college recruiting process began.

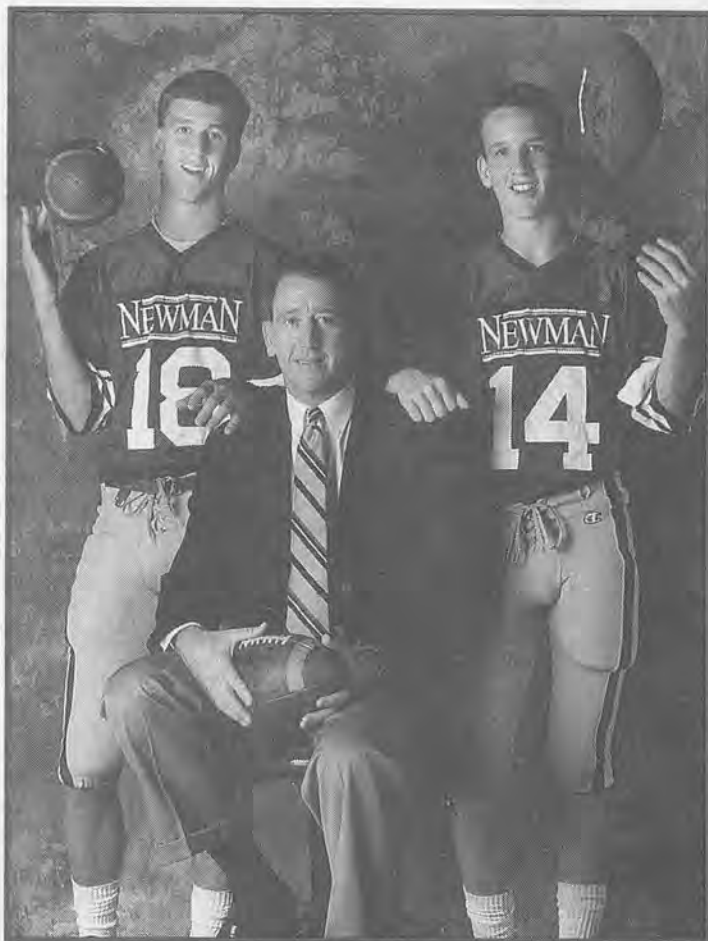
Manning, one of the most celebrated high school quarterbacks in the country last season, and his father, Archie, checked into the Riverside Hilton in New Orleans under assumed names last January 23 to get some much-needed relief from the smothering heat of the recruiting pressure cooker. The younger Manning, fresh off his final recruiting trip (this one to Gainesville, Fla.), was worn to a frazzle. He slept for most of that day with visions of his final four—Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi and Michigan—rolling in his head.

Later that evening, Archie Manning, a star quarterback at Mississippi from 1968-70, asked a familiar question, one that had become a nightly ritual with his second son.

"Peyton, what's on your mind?" he asked.

"Well, Dad, Tennessee is looking pretty

## To Ole Miss' chagrin, Tennessee becomes Peyton's place



Recruiting wore out phenom Peyton Manning (top, left), son of ex-Mississippi star Archie Manning (center). Peyton's brother, Cooper, was a former prep teammate.

good," Peyton said. In fact, the Volunteers were on Peyton Manning's mind that day like a song on the radio. But he decided to sleep on that notion for at least another night.

The next morning, when he awoke with Tennessee still on his mind, the younger Manning was convinced. "I'm a Volunteer," he said to himself, words he would later repeat to the football recruiting coordinators at

Florida and Ole Miss and to Tennessee Coach Phillip Fulmer before finally announcing his decision publicly at a jammed press conference at the Hilton.

The hardest telephone call Peyton Manning had to make was to his father's alma mater. Archie Manning remains a Rebel deity in Mississippi, and his wife, Olivia, was a homecoming queen at the school in the late 1960s. Together, mother and father were expected to deliver their second born unto the Oxford, Miss., campus just like they did their first, wide receiver Cooper, in 1992. And, just like his daddy before him, the quarterback son would spark Ole Miss' return to glory and Rebels everywhere would live happily ever after.

So just imagine the reaction in the Magnolia State when Peyton Manning opened his mouth and Tennessee was the first word that came out. *Tennessee!* The orange-and-white enemy to the north with those silly checkerboard end zones and that dreaded Rocky Top song.

You didn't have to be standing near Mississippi's borders to feel the entire state sag. It was as if the magnolias had wilted and the Rebel flags were flying at half-mast. In many ways, Ole Miss fans viewed Manning's decision to attend Tennessee as the worst loss in Mississippi history, worse even than the Civil War. Well, maybe.

"I knew so much about the school (Ole Miss) because of my background," Peyton Manning said. "I was so much of an

Ole Miss fan when I was a kid it was as if there was no other school to me. It will always be a special place.

"Ole Miss has a certain mystique about it. I will always love Ole Miss. I also know this: I could never be as good as the people at Ole Miss think I am."

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## VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE

He's pretty good already. A lanky 6-foot-5, 200-pounder, Manning has star quality written all over him. He completed 452 of 761

passes for 7,207 yards and 92 touchdowns in three seasons at New Orleans' Newman High School and was named the Gatorade National Circle of Champions' national High School Player of the Year last season. Manning was rated as one of the nation's top

three quarterbacks by every recruiting service, and Newman High lost just five of 39 games with him starting at quarterback.

His pedigree increased the recruiting burden on him, but Peyton Manning tried to dispatch some of the pressure by saying he would be a quarterback and Archie Manning's son no matter where he went to college.

"I told myself all along it didn't matter," Peyton Manning said. "But I guess it's kind of heavy. Ole Miss was talking about a new era, selling lots of season tickets and things like that. In the end, I didn't want to become an instant celebrity."

Manning's talent has been obvious for years. Vince Gibson, a former coach at Tulane and Kansas State, approached the elder Manning more than two years ago after watching Peyton make the second start of his sophomore season. Manning threw three interceptions that day, but Gibson knew a thoroughbred when he saw one.

"You better get ready," Gibson told Archie. "Recruiting is going to be all you can handle."

From that moment on, Archie Manning networked with recruiting coordinators every chance he got. Together, he and Peyton formulated a four-phase plan to tackle the recruiting bear. Phase No. 1 began in the summer of 1993, when Archie and Peyton made eight unofficial visits to college campuses, including Texas, Texas A&M and Stanford. That helped to solidify the already-industrial-strength bond between father and son.

"He's my best friend," Peyton said.

"You try not to favor any of your children," said Archie, who has two other sons, "but Peyton and I, well. . ."

Phase No. 2 started on August 15, the date the NCAA allows schools to make once-a-week telephone contact with recruits. The Mannings were ready, already having installed a third, unlisted number at their house so other family members could use the phone when necessary.

Phase No. 3 started on December 1, when coaches from around the country trekked to the Manning residence to make their pitch. Phase No. 4 included Manning's official campus visits (he took four of his allotted five—to Tennessee, Florida, Notre Dame and Michigan) and his eventual decision.

In the end, Manning's visit to Knoxville, Tenn., in January 1994 closed the deal. It came during a mean ice storm, but Manning's host, defensive lineman and New Orleans native Billy Beron, made sure his guest got out and about. Manning relates easily with others anyway, and his talks with a wide cross section of faculty members, athletes, coaches and students helped to solidify his choice.

"They were all quality people," Manning said. "I got a good feel for the school. It was like, 'I can be happy here. I know I can.'"

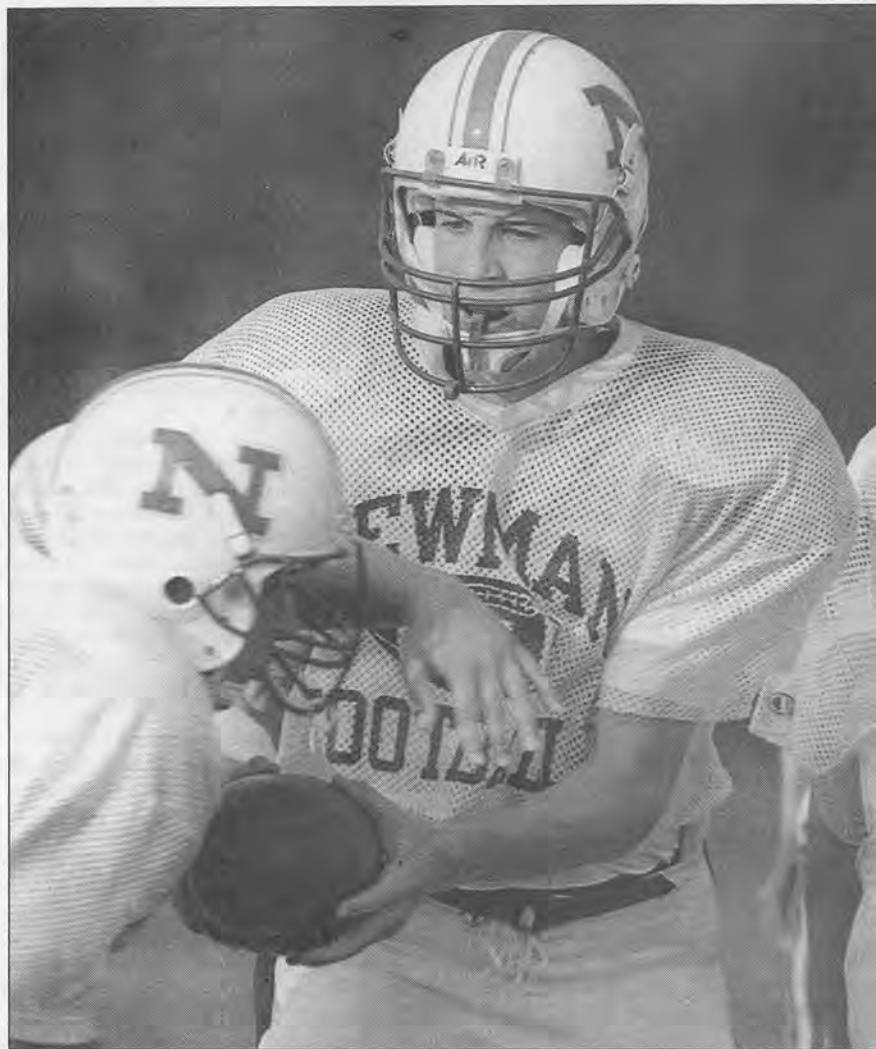
Manning learned many things during his recruitment, perhaps the most valuable being how to say no to adults who offered him adulation. He also discovered that he had experienced just about enough of the recruiting process.

"This isn't anything I'd want to go through again anytime soon," Peyton Manning said with a conviction as strong as his throwing arm. ♦



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After a dazzling prep career in New Orleans, a pensive Peyton Manning will make his handoffs for the Vols. The quarterback doubts he could have lived up to the billing he would have received at Ole Miss.



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# RECRUITING LISTS

Compiled by Jeff Duva, Blue Chip Illustrated

## BEST OF THE 1994 COLLEGE FRESHMEN

Rk.	Name	Pos.	Ht./Wt.	High school	College
1.	Josh Booty	QB	6-3/210	Evangel Christian Academy (Shreveport, La.)	Louisiana State
2.	Orlando Pace	OL	6-6/320	Sandusky (O.)	Ohio State
3.	Lamont Green	LB	6-3/220	Miami (Fla.) Southridge	Florida State
4.	Travis Stroud	DL	6-3/265	Dunwoody (Ga.)	Georgia
5.	Ben Washington	DB	6-0/190	Lincoln (Tallahassee, Fla.)	South Carolina
6.	Fred Beasley	RB	6-2/200	Robert E. Lee (Montgomery, Ala.)	Auburn
7.	Floyd Wedderburn	DT	6-8/325	Upper Darby (Pa.)	Penn State
8.	Vernon Rollins	LB	6-3/220	Hackensack (N.J.)	Iowa
9.	Chris Howard	RB	5-11/205	John Curtis Christian (River Ridge, La.)	Michigan
10.	Maurice Staley	WR	6-1/195	West Charlotte (N.C.)	Tennessee
11.	Peyton Manning	QB	6-5/200	Isidore Newman (New Orleans)	Tennessee
12.	Bo Barzilaukas	DT	6-7/280	South (Bloomington, Ind.)	Indiana
13.	Cameron Binion	DL	6-5/230	St. Mary's Prep (Orchard Lake, Mich.)	Miami (Fla.)
14.	Zola Davis	WR	6-2/195	Burke (Charleston, S.C.)	South Carolina
15.	Ryan Clement	QB	6-2/210	J.K. Mullen (Denver)	Miami (Fla.)
16.	Chris Floyd	RB	6-2/225	Cooley (Detroit)	Michigan
17.	Nikia Codie	FS	6-4/185	Cleburne (Tex.)	Baylor
18.	Dusty Loveless	DL	6-1/288	Norman (Okla.)	Oklahoma
19.	Demetro Stephens	LB	6-3/230	Washington County (Sandersville, Ga.)	Florida State
20.	Ahndre Patterson	TE	6-4/250	Carter (Dallas)	Alcorn State



Georgia freshman defensive lineman Travis Stroud.

## TOP 10 RECRUITING CLASSES

(Adjusted for Proposition 48)

1. Tennessee.
2. Southern California.
3. Florida State.
4. Michigan.
5. Ohio State.
6. Alabama.
7. Notre Dame.
8. Miami (Fla.).
9. Georgia.
10. Texas A&M.

## TOP 100 1994 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

QUARTERBACKS				
Rk.	Name (other pos. played)	Ht./Wt.	High school	
1.	John McArthur	6-4/185	St. Louis University	
2.	Quincy Woods	6-2/190	Rich East (Park Forest, Ill.)	
3.	Dan Kendra	6-2/200	Bethlehem (Pa.) Catholic	
4.	Bobby Sabelhaus	6-5/220	McDonogh (Baltimore)	
5.	Jason Peace	6-1/165	Durham (N.C.)	
6.	Chris Redmon	6-3/180	Louisville (Ky.) Male	
7.	Steve Stanley	6-4/190	Colbert County (Leighton, Ala.)	
8.	Kevin Williams	6-1/165	Dollarway (Pine Bluff, Ark.)	

RUNNING BACKS				
1.	Deandre Hardeman	6-0/215	North Shore (Houston)	
2.	Brian Darden (DB)	6-0/190	Warren Central (Vicksburg, Miss.)	
3.	Benniet Butler	6-1/190	Del City (Okla.)	
4.	Rashidi Brown	5-8/185	Hackensack (N.J.)	
5.	Steve Wolford	5-11/185	Bakersfield (Calif.)	
6.	Jamie Spencer	6-2/245	Ouachita Parish (Monroe, La.)	
7.	Demond Parker	5-11/175	Booker T. Washington (Tulsa, Okla.)	
8.	Damion Brown	5-11/180	Eagle Crest (Aurora, Colo.)	
9.	Ahman Green	6-0/195	Omaha (Neb.) Central	
10.	Jerry Brown	5-11/180	Woodland Hills-Taft (Calif.)	
11.	Ali Azizz	6-2/190	St. Joseph (Santa Maria, Calif.)	
12.	Gary Fauntieroy	6-2/205	Kingsway Regional (Swedesboro, N.J.)	
13.	Steven Kelly	6-1/190	Enterprise (Ala.)	
14.	Shyron Sanders	6-1/195	Bishop Maginn (Albany, N.Y.)	
15.	Charles Woodson	6-2/185	Ross (Fremont, O.)	
16.	Cordell Mitchell	6-1/180	Bishop Ludden (Syracuse, N.Y.)	
17.	Nathan Simmons	5-10/185	Boulder (Colo.)	
18.	Robert Barlow	6-1/200	Lewis & Clark (Spokane, Wash.)	

WIDE RECEIVERS				
1.	Corey Jones	6-1/175	Conestoga Valley (Lancaster, Pa.)	
2.	Anthony DiCosmo	6-3/180	Paramus (N.J.) Catholic	
3.	Daylon McCutcheon	5-9/160	Bishop Amat (LaPuente, Calif.)	
4.	Vanness Provitt	6-4/200	Harding (Warren, O.)	
5.	Randy Moss (DB)	6-5/190	DuPont (Belle, W.Va.)	
6.	Peter Warrick	6-0/170	Southeast (Bradenton, Fla.)	
7.	Robert Kilow	6-1/170	Daleville (Ala.)	
8.	Billy Miller	6-3/205	Westlake (Calif.)	
9.	Windrell Hayes	6-1/175	St. Mary's (Stockton, Calif.)	

TIGHT ENDS				
1.	Bonnie Willis	6-4/250	Pershing (Detroit)	
2.	Kwazcone Leverett	6-3/200	Lincoln (Brooklyn, N.Y.)	
3.	Tony Griffin	6-3/210	Westchester (Los Angeles)	

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN				
1.	Brandon Houston	6-5/280	James E. Taylor (Katy, Tex.)	
2.	Shane Cook (DL)	6-7/250	Bear Creek (Lakewood, Colo.)	
3.	Bill Craver	6-4/305	Penn Hills (Pittsburgh)	
4.	T.J. Meers	6-7/255	McEachern (Powder Springs, Ga.)	
5.	Mark Manskar	6-7/250	Canyon (Calif.)	
6.	Tom Ritter (DL)	6-7/270	Creighton Prep (Omaha, Neb.)	
7.	Mike Rosenthal	6-8/285	Penn (Mishawaka, Ind.)	
8.	Matt Stinchcomb	6-6/280	Parkview (Liburn, Ga.)	
9.	Shane Willems	6-5/250	Sam Houston (Arlington, Tex.)	
10.	Mo Sanchez	6-4/276	Newburgh (N.Y.) Free Academy	
11.	Chad Clifton	6-7/280	Westview (Martin, Tenn.)	
12.	Jeremy Mankins	6-5/260	Hughson (Calif.)	

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN (cont.)				
13.	Cory Kish	6-5/255	Boulder (Colo.)	
14.	Mike Flaar	6-5/275	Oswego (Ill.)	
15.	Keith Fryerson	6-7/255	Deer Park (Tex.)	
16.	Frank Guifre	6-3/260	Christian Brothers Academy (Syracuse, N.Y.)	
17.	Lou Sessions (DL)	6-6/255	Troy (O.)	
18.	Desmond Thomas	6-4/290	High Point (Beltsville, Md.)	

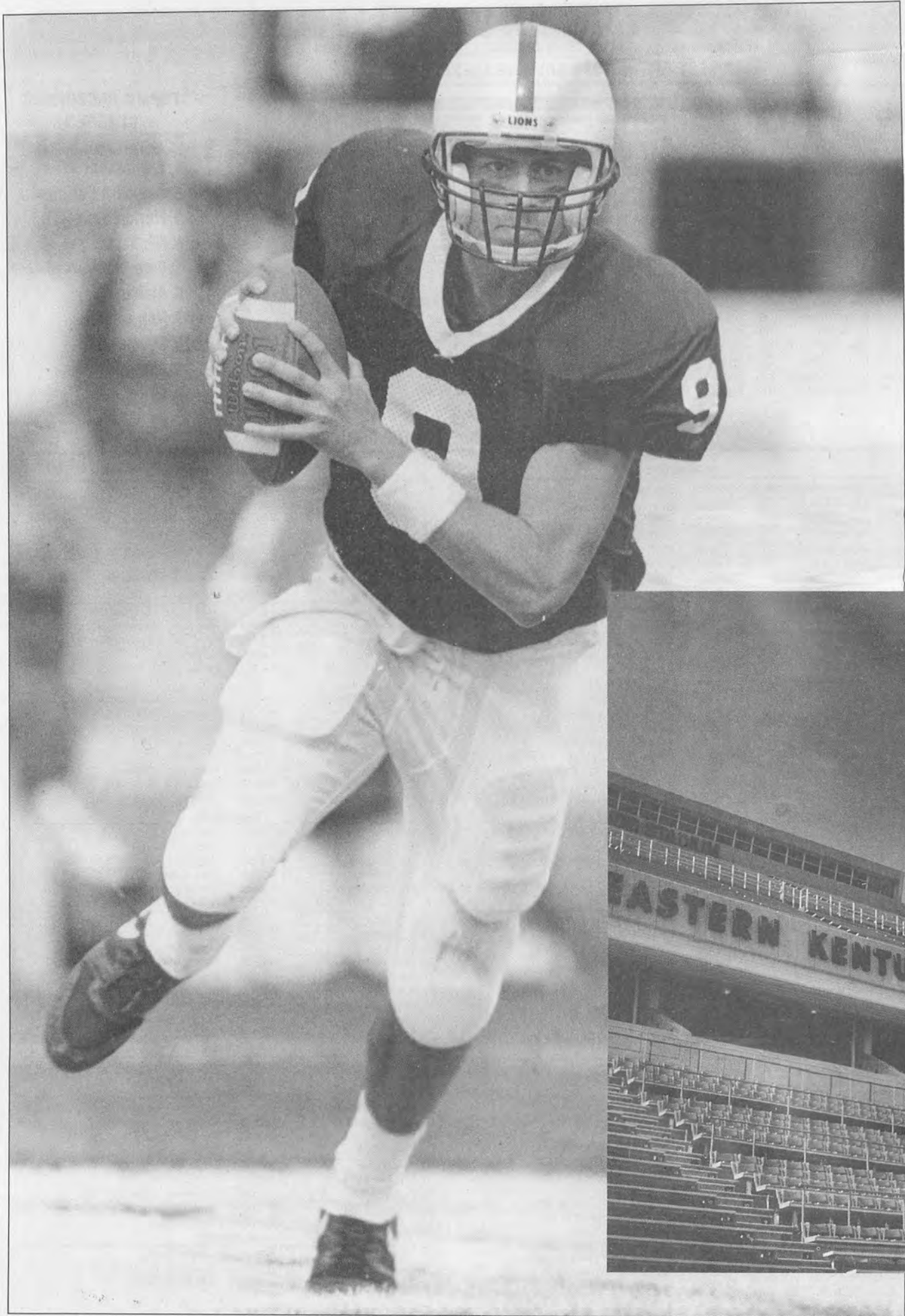
DEFENSIVE LINEMEN				
1.	Parnell Davis	6-3/290	West End (Birmingham, Ala.)	
2.	Phil Fonua	6-2/270	Mira Costa (Manhattan Beach, Calif.)	
3.	Ernie Badeaux	6-5/265	John Curtis Christian (River Ridge, La.)	
4.	Derek Allen	6-6/280	Conway (Ark.)	
5.	Spencer Riley	6-4/255	Dandridge (Tenn.) Franklin County	
6.	Leonard Cummings	6-3/250	Pinole (Calif.) Valley	
7.	Terrence Matthews	6-4/245	Woodrow Wilson (Camden, N.J.)	
8.	Jerry Samuels	6-2/280	Rutherford (Panama City, Fla.)	
9.	Deron Savage	6-2/275	Santalucas Community (Lantana, Fla.)	
10.	Jake Pluta	6-4/285	Wayne Valley (N.J.)	
11.	Jamie Wu	6-3/300	St. Charles (Ill.)	
12.	Tom Pacini	6-4/265	Gordon Tech (Chicago)	
13.	Chad McCarthy	6-4/245	Central Catholic (Toledo, O.)	
14.	Reggie Williams (LB)	6-2/220	Southeast (Bradenton, Fla.)	

LINEBACKERS				
1.	Marcus Jefferson	5-11/230	Pine Bluff (Ark.)	
2.	Maurice Daniels	6-2/215	Annandale (Va.)	
3.	Tim Beauchamp	6-3/220	New Smyrna Beach (Fla.)	
4.	Ronnie Daniels	6-2/200	Lake Wales (Fla.)	
5.	Chad Henderson	6-3/245	Lincoln County (Fayetteville, Tenn.)	
6.	Brandon Short	6-3/255	McKeesport (Pa.) Area	
7.	Rick Sealy	6-2/225	Miami (Fla.)	
8.	Al Phillips	6-2/220	North Central (Indianapolis)	
9.	Kory Minor	6-3/215	Bishop Amat (LaPuente, Calif.)	
10.	John Hilliard (TE)	6-4/225	Sterling (Houston)	
11.	Darren Hester	6-2/220	Franklin D. Roosevelt (Dallas)	
12.	Bob Konrad (RB)	6-3/225	St. John's Prep (Danvers, Mass.)	
13.	Mike McLaughlin	6-4/245	Leland (San Jose, Calif.)	
14.	Levar Graves	6-3/235	Ferris (Jersey City, N.J.)	
15.	Barrett Askew	6-2/208	Lanett (Ala.)	

DEFENSIVE BACKS				
1.	Robert McQuarters	5-11/180	Booker T. Washington (Tulsa, Okla.)	
2.	Damion Hill	6-2/175	Carter (Dallas)	
3.	Chris Akin	6-1/175	Hall (Little Rock, Ark.)	
4.	Martavious Houston	6-1/190	Boyd Anderson (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.)	
5.	Dyral McMillian	5-10/200	Southeast (Bradenton, Fla.)	
6.	Percy King	6-4/200	Franklin Heights (Columbus, O.)	
7.	Bryson Gardner	6-2/190	Barstow (Calif.)	
8.	Ryan Taylor	6-1/210	Dublin (Ga.)	
9.	Mario Strayhorn	6-3/205	Princeton (Cincinnati)	
10.	Rudy Howard	6-1/185	I.C. Norcom (Portsmouth, Va.)	
11.	Tim Rosga (RB)	6-1/185	Cretin-Derham Hall (St. Paul, Minn.)	
12.	Willie Spencer	6-3/190	Massillon (O.)	

ALL-PURPOSE				
1.	Toya Jones	6-2/190	Refugio (Tex.)	
2.	Kevin Faulk	5-10/195	Carencro (Lafayette, La.)	
3.	Jason Pomer	6-2/175	Vero Beach (Fla.)	

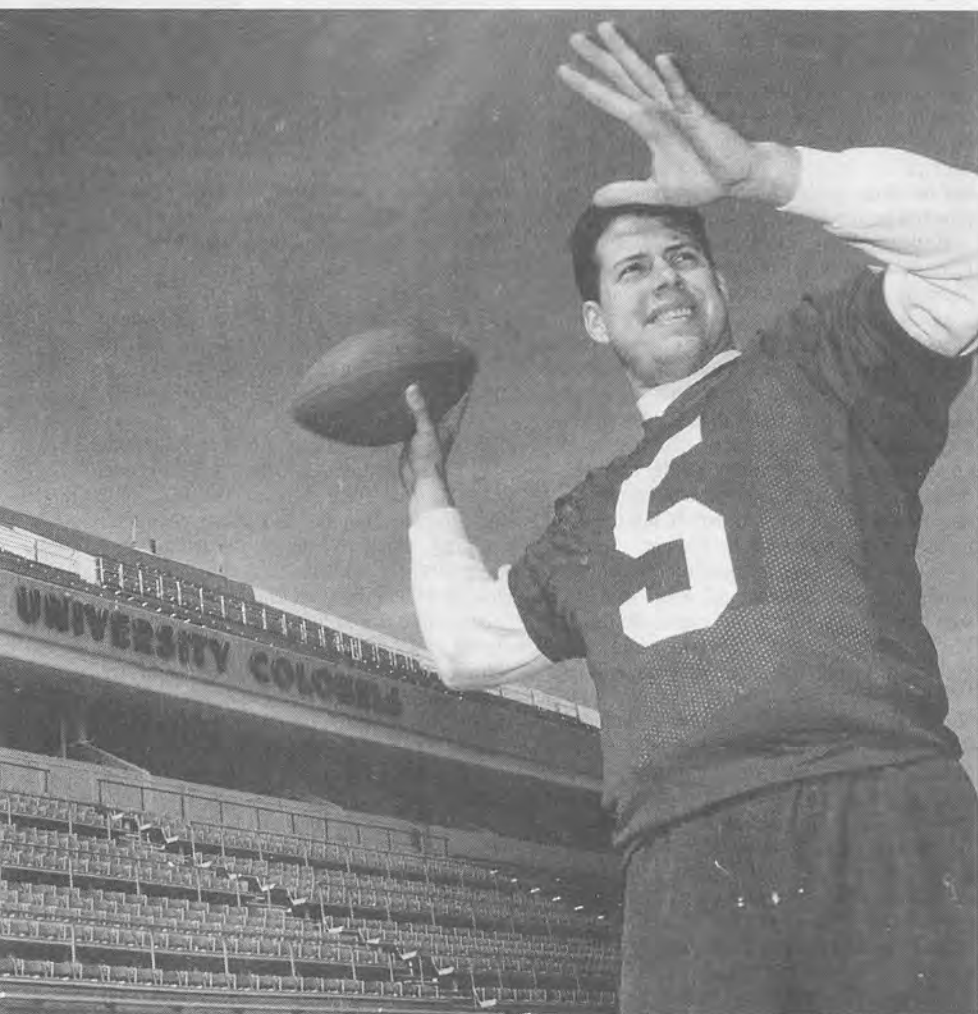






# DROPPING DOWN

Ex-Penn Stater,  
others consider  
move from I-A  
to I-AA ranks  
as being A-OK



After enjoying some success in a Penn State uniform (left), John Sacca became frustrated with his lack of playing time and, via a circuitous route, wound up enrolling at Eastern Kentucky.

By MICHAEL BRADLEY

*Free-lance writer*

As cross-country odysseys go, John Sacca's one-man, one-auto trip from State College, Pa., to Phoenix last fall doesn't quite approach the famous sojourns of Jack Kerouac or John Steinbeck and his dog Charley. In many ways, Sacca was just a college kid fleeing the onset of bad weather for some time by the pool with his brother in the desert. No one's going to write a book about that.

But in terms of self-enlightenment, Sacca's trip may stand up to those of his more-celebrated traveling predecessors. When he left Penn State's campus in early October, Sacca was a disillusioned junior quarterback, still stung and confused from an early-game hook administered by Nittany Lions Coach Joe Paterno in a game at Iowa in September. Unable to find any answers at Penn State, he went west, following a well-worn route taken by Easterners for more than two centuries.

"When I left, it was sort of a relief," Sacca said. "The media was tearing into me for questioning things, and it wasn't a comfortable situation. I was something of a black sheep in the program, and I wanted to get a vacation from all of it."

"For the first three or four hours on the road, I was wondering whether I made the right choice, but the farther I drove, I realized, 'Yes, this is the right decision.'"

Sacca estimates that 10 to 15 people knew of his plans, and because Penn State didn't play the Saturday after he left, Sacca wasn't expecting much media attention for his getaway. He was wrong. Newspaper accounts of his "disappearance" appeared, and when he finally made it to Arizona, Sacca was portrayed in the Pennsylvania papers as someone on the edge, instead of merely fed up.

MARK CORNELISON



# DROPPING DOWN

After consulting with his brother Tony, then a member of the Arizona Cardinals and a renowned critic of Paterno's conservative offense when he played quarterback at Penn State from 1988-91, and other members of his family, John decided to leave the school. Since he was a fourth-year junior (he had redshirted in 1990), Sacca didn't have any Division I-A options. The NCAA requires a player who transfers to another I-A school to sit out a year. By the end of that year, Sacca's eligibility would have expired since players have only five years to use four years of eligibility (in most cases).

But there was another option—Division I-AA. Thanks to a 1993 NCAA rule, players are allowed to switch from I-A to I-AA programs without having to sit out a year. (Division I-AA adopted its version in January 1994, allowing I-AA players to move up without waiting.) Troy State took big advantage of the rule in 1993, using a quartet of I-A imports to reach the semifinals of the I-AA playoffs. And I-AA schools around the country were welcoming expatriates from the big time to their campuses. The NCAA keeps no such records, but conservative estimates put the number of transfers at 50 to 70. Everyone was doing it, even the Ivies.

"You have to be up front with (I-A) coaching staffs," Troy State Coach Larry Blakeney said. "We'll tell them that if a guy isn't happy with their program, we'd like a chance to talk with him. We have a good relationship with some I-A staffs, and we'll try to carve our own niche to improve our talent pool as much as possible."

Sacca knew he wouldn't be playing before Beaver Stadium crowds of 94,000-plus if he went to a I-AA school, and the TV exposure there would be nearly non-existent. But Sacca would be playing, and if he learned one thing during those lonely hours on the road, it was that he wanted to play. Sacca visited Eastern Kentucky, Rhode Island and Idaho before choosing Eastern Kentucky, located in Richmond and a perennial I-AA power under Coach Roy Kidd.

"I just want to play football," the 6-foot-4, 225-pound Sacca said. "And it's not that great of a drop (to I-AA), although obviously, it is a drop. There are some great athletes here, and it shows in the pros. There are a couple players (actually, nine entering 1993 training camps) from Eastern Kentucky in the NFL."

Sacca is not the only former big-name I-A player to be found in the I-AA ranks this year. He, former Florida State tailback Marquette Smith and Ohio State transfer Travis McGuire, also a tailback, join a growing collection of players who are dropping down a division in search of football happiness. A variety of reasons exists for the switches, from lack of playing time and disenchantment with a program to personal reasons or a realization that some players just aren't good enough to play major-college football. It's not an exodus from the I-A ranks, but I-AA teams that land a couple transfers could certainly improve themselves.

"It helps both programs," Blakeney said. "A I-A school might be weak at one position, and letting a (reserve) player transfer allows them to recruit a blue-chipper in his place."

Penn State won't replace Sacca with another quarterback, because it was a numbers problem that forced him to leave in the first place. Sacca began the '93 season as the Lions' first-string passer, a job he held during spring and preseason practices over fellow junior Kerry Collins after each struggled through injury-plagued 1992 seasons. Sacca played in six games as a sophomore, completing 81 of 155 passes for 1,118 yards and nine touchdowns. He yielded three interceptions.

But after leading Penn State to victories in its first two games of '93—including a four-TD pass performance in a 38-20 season-opening triumph over Minnesota—Sacca was pulled after misfiring on five of six passes in the third week of the season against Iowa. Collins replaced him and took every snap for the rest of the season. With Collins back in '94, along with talented junior Wally Richardson, Sacca knew his senior season wouldn't unfold the way he had envisioned when he chose Penn State as a heralded senior at Delran (N.J.) High School.

"I thought I was doing a good job for Penn State and, all of a sudden, I was yanked out of a game," Sacca said. "I saw no reason why I was lifted, and no one explained to me why it happened. I wasn't going to put up with platooning or not playing. If I had any aspirations of going pro, I had to get out of there."

Some could argue that Sacca's professional chances might not improve at Eastern Kentucky. Though the Colonels have been perennial I-AA playoff participants during Kidd's 30-year tenure and have a strong record of sending players to the pros, Eastern Kentucky has been known primarily as an option team. Sacca is somewhat mobile—he did score on a winding, 75-yard run against Cincinnati as a redshirt freshman—but he is not suited for, nor particularly interested in, life as an option triggerman.

Both Kidd and Sacca assert that Eastern Kentucky will adapt to the newest Colonel. Sacca figures to start, since fellow senior Ron Jones is still nursing shoulder and arm injuries that sidelined him last year and redshirt sophomore Greg Couch could use an extra year of seasoning. And while he won't throw the ball 40 times a game, Sacca will get a chance to show off his arm. The historical emphasis on the running game and the promise of an increased passing presence may sound like Penn State South, but the difference is that Sacca will be playing.

"We get a rap here for running the ball too much and not throwing it," Kidd said. "If we've got good runners, we're going to run it. We'll do whatever it takes to win. I told John and his dad (John Sr.) when they visited that I couldn't promise that he would throw it 30-35 times a game. But it would be ridiculous for me to bring him in here with just one year of eligibility if I wasn't going to throw some."

Sacca wants no part of any potential controversies, anyway. He moved to Eastern Kentucky to get away from that. Sacca reports that he has made friends with many members of the team and, as a communications major, he has been impressed with the school's communications department. "You get a lot of hands-on training here," he said. And Sacca will work hard to make sure no one perceives him as a Broadway quarterback come to Mayberry.

"I just want to go about my own business,



Travis McGuire, who was at odds with Ohio State Coach John Cooper, will start anew in 1994 in the Rhode Island Rams' backfield.

and I hope I never come across that way," Sacca said. "I've made a lot of friends, and the I-A thing has never come into play. They have the same goal as I do, a I-AA championship."

Travis McGuire sits in his Kingston, R.I., apartment and tries to tell himself he made the right decision. Around him, his wife, Janelle, and infant daughter, Courtney, adjust to their new surroundings, while McGuire questions his choice to leave Ohio State and enroll at Rhode Island.

His doubts are well-founded. Had McGuire stayed at Ohio State, he would have seen significant action at tailback this season, and might have started. The Buckeyes entered spring practice with only one scholarship tailback. "Travis has some talent," Ohio State Coach John Cooper said. "He could have played here."

McGuire's two years in Columbus, O., weren't pleasant. Last season, as a redshirt freshman, he blanched at sitting behind seniors Butler By'not'e and Raymont Harris. McGuire even left the team two or three times, according to Cooper. The coach explains he had to cajole McGuire into traveling with the team to the Holiday Bowl last December. When McGuire finally asked for a release from his Ohio State scholarship to play Division I-AA football, Cooper was so





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frustrated he obliged.

But McGuire's story is a little different. He asserts that Cooper denied him the opportunity to speak with other I-A coaches about a transfer after the '93 season, during which McGuire saw spot duty (35 carries, 150 yards, one TD). McGuire was displeased with his lack of playing time, and as the only married member of the team, he might not have fit in well socially.

"I just didn't have a good feeling there," he said. "I missed the game. It's hard to sit in front of 90,000 people and not play, especially when you know you're just as good as the guys ahead of you."

If McGuire's story is true, and Cooper did deny him permission to speak with other coaches, the tailback was stuck. Without the authorization, NCAA rules mandate that he would have to transfer without any scholarship guarantee from the school he chose. McGuire didn't want to take that chance, so he asked Cooper for permission to speak with I-AA coaches. That wish was granted.

"When Coach Cooper wouldn't release me, I thought about just sitting out a year and then going to another school but I didn't want to do that, since I had already redshirted," said McGuire, a native of Massillon, O. "That's when I asked (Cooper) about talking to I-AA schools."

Cooper disagrees with his former player. "I've never heard so many lies in my life," Cooper said. "When he called me and told me he wanted to transfer to a I-AA school, I told him to come to my office that afternoon,

and I'd let him go.

"To my knowledge, he never said he wanted to go to a I-A school. I've let guys go to other I-A schools before—but none I'm going to play against."

No matter how McGuire obtained his release, he got it. But his route to Rhode Island isn't much clearer than the circumstances that preceded it. Before talking to Cooper, McGuire heard from his old high school coach that defending I-AA champion Youngstown State would be interested in talking with him.

McGuire visited the Youngstown campus last December and enjoyed himself. The night before he was going to sign up, however, he received a call from Rhode Island Coach Floyd Keith, who had recruited McGuire (unsuccessfully) while an assistant at Indiana. McGuire had liked Keith but had chosen Ohio State largely because Cooper informed him that his then-high school coach, Lee Owens, was up for a job on the Buckeyes' staff—which he eventually landed. Now, Keith had a second chance to land McGuire—and he didn't blow it.

"When I was at Indiana, we thought Travis would come in and make a contribution and fit in well with the backs we had there—Anthony Thompson and Vaughn Dunbar," Keith said. "He gives us size (McGuire is 5-11, 195 pounds), and that's not something we have at that position, and he gives us speed. We're using the I-formation, and we need a guy who is durable."

McGuire's endurance should be tested

this season. The Rams were among the Yankee Conference leaders in rushing attempts last year (44.6 per game), but next-to-last in rushing yards per game (117.3) and yards per carry (2.6). Though a trio of sophomores returns, none excelled last year despite some heavy work. Frantzy Jourdain carried the ball 46 times (for 154 yards) against Maine in a 26-23 overtime loss, and Cy Butler had 37 carries (128 yards) in a 30-7 win over Brown.

"I was shocked when I heard they let somebody carry it 46 times a game," McGuire said. "I'd love to carry it that many times. They have a lot of guys back, but I'm looking out for me. If (Rhode Island) had averaged more than three yards a carry last year, they wouldn't have brought anybody in at tailback."

McGuire describes himself as a combination back who blends speed and power with the ability to make people miss. "That's what I do best," he said. He expects to succeed at the I-AA level largely because he still considers himself a I-A back. He sees talent and speed at Rhode Island but not in the same quantities as at Ohio State. Because of that, McGuire says, holes that snap shut in the Big Ten Conference will stay open a fraction longer in the Yankee.

Keith appreciates McGuire's confidence, but he emphasizes that the newcomer won't be handed anything but the football and an opportunity. (McGuire began spring practice third on the depth chart.) Keith won't burden McGuire with expectations, but he does hope the tailback comes to work ready to grab the starting job and become the big-yardage back that the Rams' ball-control offense needs.

"If we had to go out and recruit Travis McGuire to Rhode Island out of high school, I don't think we would have had a shot at him," Keith said. "Travis is a guy that has good potential on and off the field. He has a good personality, and what I have told him is to come in and play—not think he has to carry all the expectations. As long as he does what's expected of him, that will be fine with me."

McGuire wants the ball but not the pressure of leading. He's a busy man, what with football, a family and his studies (McGuire will graduate with a degree in business next year). Rhode Island isn't the big time, but it's still college football. And there are still plenty of demands.

"I'm getting pressure from some of the assistant coaches who tell me I should be the example (in off-season workouts) for the other guys because I came from Ohio State," McGuire said. "They put just as much emphasis on football here as they did at OSU, if not more. It's ridiculous. When I first met Coach Keith, I didn't think he was that much of a disciplinarian, but when I got here and saw the way things were, I thought, what the heck did I do?"

Marquette Smith's choice to leave defending national champion Florida State for Central Florida was not based on anger with the coaching staff or disillusionment over playing time. It all had to do with the clock.

"It was a case of 10 minutes versus four hours," Smith explained.

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# DROPPING DOWN

Central Florida's Orlando campus is a short drive from Smith's Casselberry, Fla., home, while Florida State's Tallahassee campus is a four-hour drive from his home. Since Smith's mother is ill, he wanted to be close to her and his longtime friends. End of story.

"He explained to me his reasons, and I granted him his release," Florida State Coach Bobby Bowden said in January. "They were very legitimate. I felt like I owed it to him."

To the skeptical, Smith's arrival at Central Florida smacks of great potential gone unfilled. The 5-8, 195-pound tailback chose Florida State in 1991 after a glittering career at Lake Howell High School (6,733 yards rushing, 88 touchdowns) and a pile of national honors as a senior, including Gatorade's national Player of the Year award. But after two seasons of marginal success (he redshirted in 1992 to concentrate on academics), Smith is in I-AA, a good candidate for "Whatever happened to..." stories.

Appearances deceive. Central Florida is not Florida State, although the school is making the jump to I-A football in 1996 and figures to have an enrollment of 50,000 by the year 2010. But Smith doesn't care. His priorities are off the field, with his family and with his studies. He'll graduate from Central Florida in early 1995 and then attend graduate school during his final season of eligibility. He may regret leaving 73,000 screaming fans at Florida State, but he doesn't sound upset.

"Any time you make a move, you're going to lose some things and, of course, I'm going to miss them throwing that spear into the ground (a pregame tradition at Seminole home games) and the excitement of playing at Florida State," Smith said. "But I'm back home with my family and friends now, and I'm happier."

"Every day, I smile. It's the best decision I've made to this point."

Smith is one of six I-A expatriates joining the Golden Knights this season, making them a strong bet for a second straight trip to the I-AA playoffs. (Central Florida lost to Youngstown State in last year's first round.) Fellow Seminole Jeff McCrone (a quarterback whose father is Central Florida's defensive coordinator), defensive end Corries Hardy of Miami (Fla.), Akron fullback Dorian Small, Oklahoma State tailback Mark Williams and Syracuse linebacker Kendrick Thomas have made the drop, too. Central Florida Coach Gene McDowell expects to welcome more transfers next year.

"We'll talk to Florida State, Florida and Miami and tell them that if they have a fourth-teamer who is unhappy, we'll take him off their hands," McDowell said, only half-jokingly. "We're not bashful."

Smith could have expected heavy action with sophomore Warrick Dunn at the Florida State tailback spot in 1994. He carried the ball 62 times for 297 yards and two TDs last year (he also caught 10 passes for 103 yards and two scores) in a season plagued by injuries. Smith hurt his ankle in the preseason and then tore ligaments in his left knee against Kansas in the Kickoff Classic. At the time, he was running second at the position behind senior Sean Jackson.



Marquette Smith's move from national titlist Florida State to Central Florida was simply a matter of logistics, not disillusionment over how he was being used in the Seminoles' scheme of things.

A quick back with deceptive power, Smith shared time with Jackson, Amp Lee, Tiger McMillon and Dunn during his three years at Florida State. Though Smith never got the opportunity to start, McDowell is still excited to have him in the Central Florida backfield.

"He runs well; he catches well; he has great balance, strength and can break tackles," McDowell said. "He makes moves that make people miss, and he has great speed."

Despite all that, Smith cannot be assured 30 carries a game in the Golden Knights' I-formation attack. Willie English, Central Florida's career rushing leader, may have graduated, but sophomore Mike Huff (470 yards) and Williams were strong during spring drills. Each should see the ball plenty during the '94 season, a prospect that doesn't upset Smith. He's just excited that his knee survived several good hits during spring practice and that the Knights' offensive line averages 300-plus pounds per man.

"Our tailback depth is as good as it is at FSU," Smith said. "We have a great competition going, and we're all making each other better. That's why I went to Florida State in the first place, because they had so many great backs, and I wanted to get better."

Smith actually considered going to Central Florida out of high school. The Golden Knights were the only I-AA program to make a visit to Smith's home. But with all the at-

tention Smith was receiving, attending a I-AA school was not a consideration. "There was a lot of pressure to go to a I-A school," Smith said. And even though he's at Central Florida now, Smith acknowledges that he would have chosen Florida State again, a sign that he doesn't leave Tallahassee with acrimony toward the program or Bowden.

That doesn't mean Smith won't be trying a little harder in 1995, when Central Florida heads north to play at Florida State during its final I-AA season. He isn't at Central Florida as a concession to dwindling talents or eroding abilities. This isn't a surrender. Smith still expects to play professional football and figures his I-A experience (84 career carries) will help him with pro scouts. Smith has another goal. He wants to be the first player in history to be a member of national championship teams at both the I-A and I-AA levels.

"It was tough getting just five or seven carries a game at Florida State," Smith said. "I might not get a whole lot more here, but at least they feature the backs in the offense. At Florida State, it's all about the quarterback. We won't have to worry about anybody getting hurt at tailback, because we have so much depth. We'll all be able to play as hard as we can."

As is the case with John Sacca and Travis McGuire, just playing will be enough for Marquette Smith. ♦



# Having lost so much in a tragic accident, Marshall star willing to give a little extra

# SECOND CHANCE

By JEFF D'ALESSIO

Charleston Daily Mail

**I**nspiration stares Chris Parker in the face every day.

He rises each morning, gazes in the mirror and sees the scars of a tragic past. Two large burn marks mar his thick right biceps. They are constant, daily reminders of that cold, wet, awful March day three years ago.

It was supposed to be a glorious occasion in Chris Parker's 18-year-old life. He had just taken his official recruiting visit to Marshall, where he would sign to play football days later.

His girlfriend, Tammy Yuille, her two sisters and their brother had gone along for the ride to Huntington, W.Va., in Parker's year-old Mitsubishi. They were returning to their Lynchburg, Va., homes, where Chris would tell his mother, Shirley, that Marshall was the place for him.

They would celebrate. They would smile.

Chris couldn't wait to get home to break the news to his mother, and Lynchburg was still almost five hours away. He tried to squeeze his sports car between two other vehicles on a construction-narrowed Interstate 64 bridge near Nitro, W.Va. The road was slick, and Parker lost control of the car. It bounced off a concrete abutment on the left side of the highway, crossed both lanes of traffic and skidded up the bridge's superstructure before flipping back onto the asphalt and bursting into flames.

Tammy, 19, and her sisters Sharlene, 21, and Consuela, 16, were killed in the blaze. Parker and Tammy's brother, Brian, escaped with minor burns.

"I can remember that day like it was yesterday," Parker said, softly. "We were debating about who was going to drive. I didn't want to drive. No one else wanted to drive. I said I would drive for two hours and then someone else could drive."

"I think back a lot, and say to myself, 'What if somebody else would have been driving? Would it have happened? Would I have been in the back seat?'"

"I think about it all the time. Every time I see the scars, it reminds me of the part of my life I'm building on."

Parker, a strong, sprightly, 190-pound tailback, is building quickly. He's already one of the best players in Division I-AA. As a sophomore last season, he earned Southern Conference Offensive Player of the Year accolades after rushing for 1,750 yards and 23 touchdowns and steering the Thundering Herd into its third straight appearance in the I-AA championship game.

Still, the travail was ever present.

**O**n Wednesday, July 15, 1992, Parker sat nervously in a sparsely filled Putnam County, W.Va., courtroom. His was the last case to be heard on this day, and



MICHELLE KATZ/HUNTINGTON HERALD-DISPATCH

After his girlfriend and her two sisters were killed in a fiery crash that occurred when he lost control of his car on a wet road, Chris Parker has battled back from the emotional and physical scars.

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While there once was some question whether Chris Parker would ever play football for Marshall after his post-recruiting-visit automobile accident, the 190-pound tailback has shown remarkable resolve on the way to piling up some impressive numbers for the Thundering Herd. During the 1993 regular season, Parker ran for 1,370 yards.

witnesses were testifying on his behalf, talking of his strong character, his long road back, his courage. Parker awaited sentencing on three counts of negligent homicide stemming from the accident.

"Inside," he says now, "I was ready to go to jail. I was prepared. I knew it would be tough, but I felt responsible for what happened."

The judge felt likewise, but he was lenient in his sentence. Parker was given five years' probation. He could play football.

"Sometimes, I might feel pain or feel tired or feel frustrated or just not want to do something, and I'll look back on what I've overcome," he said. "Nothing can be as hard as that. It makes me give a little extra."

Parker is a hard, angry runner who punishes linebackers and defensive backs when he lowers his shoulders into their chests. A defender may wrap his arms around Parker's legs, but the legs don't necessarily stop. Parker keeps churning and churning, often turning short gains into bigger ones.

"He is one of the best backs to ever play in the Southern Conference," said Western Carolina Coach Steve Hodgkin, whose Cata-mounts "held" Parker to 85 yards last season.

"I think Chris Parker is the best back in I-AA," said Georgia Southern Coach Tim Stowers, whose Eagles had less luck stopping Parker, who rambled for 123 yards on 25 carries.

Coming out of high school, Parker could have gone somewhere else, somewhere more glamorous, somewhere where the football team is on TV more often. Marshall entered the picture late, and its recruitment of Parker was somewhat fluky. Herd defensive coordinator Mickey Matthews had originally visited Lynchburg's Heritage High School to get a glimpse of a tight end. He found Parker by accident.

West Virginia, Virginia Tech and Wake Forest had all shown avid interest in Parker while

he was amassing more than 1,300 yards and earning all-district honors in his senior year.

Marshall, however, stuck by Parker, through his struggles with the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the accident, the eight days he spent lying in a Virginia hospital bed while doctors performed plastic surgery on his charred face and removed glass from his foot.

Neither Parker nor the Marshall coaches knew whether he'd be able to play football again, let alone play it as well as he had before the wreck. But it didn't matter. Parker signed his NCAA letter-of-intent to attend Marshall from his hospital bed.

"I think my mother brought me the scholarship papers," said Parker, a sociology major. "I didn't know how healthy I was going to be, even afterward. But I knew I wanted to play ball. As bad as things were, I knew that was something I wanted to do. It was something I felt like I had to do in a sense."

Parker's confidence can almost seem like arrogance. When Parker arrived in Huntington, Matthews immediately placed him in Marshall's depleted secondary, where Parker had played sparingly in high school.

He lasted two days at cornerback.

"I told the coaches, 'This just isn't me,'" Parker recalled. "My heart wasn't in it. My heart was into running the ball. I told the coaches I would go back and take my chances at running back."

Parker knew best. One season after rushing for 602 yards and four touchdowns as a red-shirt freshman in 1992, Parker publicly proclaimed he would get 1,500 as a sophomore—and do so even before the I-AA playoffs.

"I want to bring something to Marshall football that it's never had," Parker said at the time.

People chortled. Loudly. And things didn't look too promising last September, when a well-chiseled Parker carried the ball just five

times for 18 yards in Marshall's season-opening 56-0 flogging of Morehead State.

"That first game made me wonder if that's what the rest of the season was going to be like," Parker said.

However, Marshall Coach Jim Donnan told Parker not to worry, that he would get his chance.

"He has the ability to hit a home run every time he touches it," Donnan said. "Parker is a premium back."

Donnan got Parker the football 12 times in Marshall's second game, a 29-3 triumph over Murray State. Parker made the most of it, rushing for 160 yards and two touchdowns. The following week, Parker took 25 handoffs against an indefatigable Georgia Southern defense and totaled 123 yards.

People stopped laughing.

Later, there would be a 209-yard game at UT-Chattanooga, a 132-yard effort at Division I-A North Carolina State, 202 yards against East Tennessee State and 144 yards—and four touchdowns—in a 34-31 victory over Delaware in the quarterfinals of the I-AA playoffs.

Although Parker finished the regular season with 1,370 yards on 225 carries for a gaudy 6.1-yard average, he wanted more.

"I thought I could achieve all of the expectations I set for myself," Parker said, still a bit miffed he didn't attain 1,500 yards. "A lot of people say, 'You had a great season. You're the best back to ever play at Marshall.' I'm not satisfied."

No record is safe with Parker around. Last season, he shattered the school record for most rushing yards in a season and became the first Thundering Herd back to post five consecutive 100-yard games. His 23 touchdowns broke the Southern Conference single-season standard of 21, set in 1986 by former Appalachian State and Atlanta Falcons star John Settle.

Parker, however, tries not to get too caught up in the numbers. He is, after all, just a junior. People are fickle, and fans, even those in Huntington, can grow spoiled and hostile. Parker heard jeers directed at quarterback Todd Donnan, the coach's son, after an off day last year. A bad season this year, or a bad game or two, and Parker's 1993 success will be a distant memory.

Despite the impressive numbers, Parker's most endearing football quality may be his durability. He carried 41 times against Troy State in the postseason and 34 times against Furman and 33 against Howard in the regular season. He was tired by the end of last year, but his weariness and a nagging rib injury paled in comparison with the days of uncertainty and adversity he endured in that Virginia hospital. And his thoughts of Tammy and Sharlene and Consuela.

"To come out of something like I did," Parker said, "I had to be spared for a reason. This is my second chance. I'm using my second chance. I have to do something with it." ♦



### DIVISION I-AA TOP 20

#### 1. MARSHALL

With help from QB/son Todd, Jim Donnan is building a I-AA dynasty in Huntington, W.Va.

#### 2. YOUNGSTOWN STATE

Who could bet against a fourth straight Youngstown State-Marshall showdown for the I-AA title?

#### 3. CENTRAL FLORIDA

Transfer-heavy Golden Knights want a I-AA title before moving to I-A in 1996.

#### 4. MCNEESE STATE

With Northeast Louisiana off to I-A, veteran Cowboys should coast to Southland crown.

#### 5. NORTHERN IOWA

With 14 starters back, Panthers should be Gateway kings again.

#### 6. BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Diminutive-but-dangerous Robert Dougherty has elicited comparisons to Doug Flutie.

#### 7. MONTANA

Dave Dickenson to Scott Gurnsey to Big Sky title to I-AA playoffs.

#### 8. TROY STATE

Trojans' second season in I-AA should be as successful as their '93 debut.

#### 9. MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

Kippy Bayless should run roughshod through the Ohio Valley Conference.

#### 10. GEORGIA SOUTHERN

Eagles' two-headed quarterback monster strikes fear in hearts of foes.

#### 11. DELAWARE

Venerable Coach Tubby Raymond simply reloads year after year.

#### 12. ALCORN STATE

Steve McNair passed on the NFL so he could air it out one more year.

#### 13. HOWARD

Jay (Sky) Walker is gone, but his legacy lives on in D.C.

#### 14. ILLINOIS STATE

Redbirds are flying high with 18 starters back following first winning season since '85.

#### 15. IDAHO

Sherriden May could ruin Montana's day in the Big Sky.

#### 16. EASTERN KENTUCKY

Veteran offensive line should pave the way to the playoffs for the Colonels.

#### 17. WESTERN CAROLINA

Fleet receivers Kerry Hayes and Craig Aiken form I-AA's most dynamic duo.

#### 18. NORTHERN ARIZONA

Once a Big Sky afterthought, the seasoned Lumberjacks are out to prove they're for real.

#### 19. LIBERTY

Penn State import J.T. Morris will take handoffs from Florida transfer Antwan Chiles.

#### 20. PENNSYLVANIA

A terrorizing defense should make the Quakers kings of the Ivy League again.

## 1994 I-AA ALL-AMERICA RANKINGS

Rk.	QUARTERBACKS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School
1.	Dave Dickenson	5-11/175	Jr.	Montana
2.	Steve McNair	6-3/218	Sr.	Alcorn State
3.	Shawn Knight	5-10/175	Sr.	William & Mary
4.	Darin Hinshaw	6-2/195	Sr.	Central Florida
5.	Todd Donnan	6-0/185	Sr.	Marshall
6.	Dan Crowley	6-1/180	Sr.	Towson State
7.	Todd Bennett	6-4/230	Sr.	Eastern Washington
8.	Maseo Bolin	6-1/182	Jr.	North Carolina A&T

Rk.	RUNNING BACKS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School
1.	Chris Parker	5-11/189	Jr.	Marshall
2.	Willie High	6-1/195	Jr.	Eastern Illinois
3.	Michael Hicks	6-1/185	Jr.	South Carolina State
4.	Erik Marsh	6-0/205	Sr.	Lafayette
5.	Kippy Bayless	5-8/185	Sr.	Middle Tennessee State
6.	Rene Ingoglia	5-10/195	Jr.	Massachusetts
7.	Sherriden May	6-1/210	Sr.	Idaho
8.	Terrance Stokes	5-10/156	Sr.	Pennsylvania

Rk.	WIDE RECEIVERS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School
1.	David Rhodes	6-1/195	Sr.	Central Florida
2.	Scott Gurnsey	6-0/200	Sr.	Montana
3.	Kerry Hayes	5-9/166	Sr.	Western Carolina
4.	James Cunningham	5-8/150	Sr.	Howard
5.	Derrick Ingram	5-10/180	Sr.	Alabama-Birmingham
6.	Miles Macik	6-4/194	Jr.	Pennsylvania
7.	Mark Orlando	6-1/185	Sr.	Towson State
8.	Robert Kilow	6-2/188	Sr.	Troy State

Rk.	TIGHT ENDS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School
1.	Hanz Hoag	6-5/235	Sr.	Evansville
2.	Pat McNeer	6-4/255	Sr.	Weber State
3.	Michael Warren	6-3/235	Jr.	McNeese State
4.	Chris Behan	6-0/205	Jr.	Buffalo
5.	Demarco Kemp	6-2/220	Sr.	UT-Chattanooga
6.	Matt Harken	6-7/253	Jr.	Northern Iowa
7.	Mark LaFeir	6-6/248	Sr.	Lehigh
8.	Scott Steingrebe	6-2/200	Sr.	San Diego

Rk.	OFFENSIVE LINEMEN	Ht./Wt.	Class	School
1.	Pat Hicks (T)	6-2/275	Sr.	Middle Tennessee State
2.	Franklin Stephens (G)	6-0/265	Sr.	Georgia Southern
3.	Chris Sammarone (C)	6-2/270	Sr.	Youngstown State
4.	Donald Mumma (C)	6-3/286	Sr.	Northern Iowa
5.	Ray Forsythe (T)	6-4/320	Sr.	Central Florida
6.	Ray Miller (G)	6-4/320	Sr.	Youngstown State
7.	Bob Hall (T)	6-2/290	Jr.	Troy State
8.	James Hand (G)	6-0/259	Jr.	Eastern Kentucky

Rk.	DEFENSIVE LINEMEN	Ht./Wt.	Class	School
1.	Greg Jefferson (E)	6-4/265	Sr.	Central Florida
2.	Dan Brandenburg (T)	6-3/244	Jr.	Indiana State
3.	Dana Scott (E)	6-4/255	Sr.	McNeese State
4.	Jose White (E)	6-4/240	Sr.	Howard
5.	Anthony Cook (E)	6-4/275	Sr.	South Carolina State
6.	Doug Berg (E)	6-3/266	Sr.	Southeast Missouri State
7.	Eric Fontenot (T)	6-4/295	Sr.	Grambling State
8.	Brian Corcoran (E)	6-1/245	Sr.	Massachusetts

Rk.	LINEBACKERS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School
1.	Andre Allen	6-2/215	Sr.	Northern Iowa
2.	Leon Jones	6-0/215	Jr.	Youngstown State
3.	Tom Bodine	6-2/240	Sr.	Western Carolina
4.	Allen Ray Haynes	6-2/235	Soph.	Alcorn State
5.	Dan Downs	6-4/225	Sr.	Montana
6.	Pat Mulhern	6-4/240	Sr.	Delaware
7.	Carlos Timmons	6-1/222	Sr.	Eastern Kentucky
8.	Travis Cooper	6-3/240	Jr.	Central Florida

Rk.	DEFENSIVE BACKS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School
1.	Chris Helon	5-11/172	Sr.	Boston University
2.	Roger Johnson	6-1/200	Sr.	Marshall
3.	Zack Bronson	6-1/185	Soph.	McNeese State
4.	Lester Weaver	5-9/170	Sr.	Youngstown State
5.	Darryl Pounds	5-11/178	Sr.	Nicholls State
6.	Shayne Snider	6-0/181	Sr.	Valparaiso
7.	Jim Concannon	6-1/198	Sr.	New Hampshire
8.	Mark Grimmer	6-3/176	Jr.	Montana State

Rk.	PLACE-KICKERS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School
1.	Jose Larios	5-6/155	Jr.	McNeese State
2.	Todd Kurz	6-4/185	Soph.	Illinois State
3.	Skip Thomas	5-11/175	Soph.	Rhode Island
4.	Charlie Pierce	5-11/170	Soph.	Central Florida
5.	Matt Ornelaz	6-0/150	Soph.	Cal State Northridge
6.	Mike Morello	5-7/176	Jr.	Boston University
7.	Jeff Stevens	6-0/184	Soph.	Montana State
8.	Eric Oke	6-0/210	Soph.	Massachusetts

Rk.	PUNTERS	Ht./Wt.	Class	School
1.	Eric Colvard	6-2/205	Jr.	Liberty
2.	Scott Holmes	6-3/203	Jr.	Samford
3.	Danny Weeks	5-11/182	Sr.	Boise State
4.	Josh Siefken	6-0/179	Sr.	UT-Chattanooga
5.	Travis Colquitt	6-1/210	Sr.	Marshall
6.	Mike Neverve	6-1/185	Sr.	Cal State Sacramento
7.	Eddie Howard	6-2/205	Sr.	Idaho
8.	Garth Petrilli	5-9/150	Sr.	Middle Tennessee St.

### DIVISION I-AA DATA

#### 1993 LEADERS

(Returning players only)

**Rushing:** Willie High, Eastern Illinois, 135.2 yds./game (273 att., 1,487 yds., 12 TDs, 5.4 avg.).

**Passing efficiency:** Shawn Knight, William & Mary, 204.6 rating pts. (177 att., 125 comp., 2,055 yds., 22 TDs).

**Total offense:** Dave Dickenson, Montana, 361.6 yds./game (338 yds. rushing, 3,640 yds. passing, 3,978 total yds.).

**Receiving:** Miles Macik, Pennsylvania, 7.2 rec./game (72 rec., 840 yds., 13 TDs, 11.7 avg.).

**Scoring:** Sherriden May, Idaho, 12.0 pts./game (22 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 132 pts.).

#### 1993 PLAYOFFS

##### FIRST ROUND

Georgia Southern 14, Eastern Kentucky 12  
Youngstown State 56, Central Florida 30  
Boston University 27, Northern Iowa 21 (2 OT)  
Marshall 28, Howard 14  
Delaware 49, Montana 48  
Troy State 42, Stephen F. Austin State 20  
Idaho 34, Northeast Louisiana 31  
McNeese State 34, William & Mary 28

##### QUARTERFINALS

Youngstown State 34, Georgia Southern 14  
Idaho 21, Boston University 14  
Marshall 34, Delaware 31  
Troy State 35, McNeese State 28

##### SEMIFINALS

Youngstown State 35, Idaho 16  
Marshall 24, Troy State 21

##### CHAMPIONSHIP

Youngstown State 17, Marshall 5

### PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



#### OFFENSE:

DAVE DICKENSON  
QB, Montana



#### DEFENSE:

ANDRE ALLEN  
LB, Northern Iowa



# Dickenson's dream season proves nightmare for Montana opponents

By KIM BRIGGEMAN

Missoulian

For Montana quarterback Dave Dickenson, the 1993 season started with a bad case of mononucleosis and ended with a gut-wrenching loss in the first round of the Division I-AA playoffs.

But, oh, in between.

Dickenson completed 67.2 percent of his passes and threw for 32 touchdowns and 3,640 yards in '93 and was named second-team All-America by the Associated Press. He also led the Grizzlies to a 10-1 regular-season record and their first Big Sky Conference championship in 11 years.

"It was pretty much a dream year," said Dickenson, a bespectacled junior from Great Falls.

A dream for whom?

Not Oregon, which escaped with a 35-30 victory at home in early September after Dickenson—who had not yet solidified himself as the starting quarterback—came off the bench in the first half with the Grizzlies trailing, 21-0, and danced, dodged and passed Montana within a hairbreadth of a major upset of the Pacific-10 team.

"Is that guy an escape artist?" Oregon Coach Rich Brooks asked his Montana counterpart, Don Read, afterward. "You must send him to school with Houdini."

Disappear is what Dickenson and Montana proceeded to do—from the rest of the Big Sky—as they rolled up nine straight victories (by an average score of 41-20) to finish the regular season as the No. 2-ranked team in Division I-AA. Dickenson led the division in total offense (361.6 yards per game) and ranked fourth in passing efficiency (168.0) during the regular season.

He didn't go down easily in the playoffs, either. Against Delaware, he completed 37 of 44 passes for four touchdowns, 409 yards and no interceptions in a game the Blue Hens eventually won, 49-48. It was the first time in 34 varsity starts that Dickenson—who went 23-0 and won two state Class AA championships at Great Falls' C.M. Russell High School—wound up as a losing quarterback.

Although Idaho senior Doug Nussmeier was chosen AP first-team All-America quarterback and earned the Walter Payton Award as the outstanding player in Division I-AA, league coaches picked Dickenson ahead of

Nussmeier as the Big Sky's most valuable offensive player.

Dickenson gained first-team status on another squad, however—the GTE Academic All-America team, which encompasses Division I-A as well as I-AA. The cellular-biology major carries a 3.88 grade-point average and has his eye on medical school.

A year ago, Dickenson and junior Bert Wilberger battled evenly throughout spring drills to replace Brad Lebo, a 6-foot-4 pocket passer who finished his career with several school records that Dickenson later broke. Although weakened by a six-week struggle with mononucleosis and a loss of 20 pounds, Dickenson rebounded to make his first collegiate start in the 1993 opener against South Dakota State. He passed for 401 yards and four touchdowns in a 52-48 come-from-behind Montana victory.

Adhering to a preseason plan, the coaches started Wilberger in the Grizzlies' second game at Oregon. But Dickenson's relief performance in that game solved the team's quarterback problem for the remainder of the season.

As it turned out, Dickenson's lack of size (he's 5-11 and, at best, 175 pounds) didn't hurt him.

"I think it took some people off guard, which I'm sure won't happen this year," Dickenson said. "I read a lot where defensive linemen were just trying to kill me. What sometimes happened was they'd try to run right through me and I was able to get away."

Arm strength isn't Dickenson's strong suit. However, he gets rid of the ball quickly and has mastered the complexities of Montana's drop-and-shoot passing game.

"It's just amazing how many things he did for us and how productive he was," quarterback coach Robin Pflugrad said. "We've had so many good quarterbacks here, but that production so soon is what separates him from everybody else."

How can Dickenson top his remarkable sophomore season?

"I think I need a better deep ball," he said. "And audibling at the line—I really didn't do a very good job of that."

"He's not the kind of guy who'll be complacent," Read said. "Yesterday's gone, but I really believe, if anything, what yesterday did was give Dave Dickenson confidence."

It also gave a lot of opponents nightmares. ♦



Arm strength isn't Dave Dickenson's strong suit. However, he gets rid of the ball quickly and has mastered the complexities of Montana's drop-and-shoot passing game.

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## The Sporting News PREDICTIONS

### ORDER OF FINISH

1. MONTANA
2. IDAHO
3. NORTHERN ARIZONA
4. MONTANA STATE
5. EASTERN WASHINGTON
6. IDAHO STATE
7. BOISE STATE
8. WEBER STATE

### ALL-BIG SKY TEAM

#### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
WR	SCOTT GURNSEY, Montana	Sr.
WR	ROD ALEXANDER, Northern Arizona	Sr.
TE	PAT McNERNEY, Weber State	Sr.
T	SCOTT GRAGG, Montana	Sr.
T	JIM MILLS, Idaho	Jr.
C	T.J. EWING, Eastern Washington	Sr.
G	HAROLD FOX, Eastern Washington	Sr.
G	JEFF VRBAS, Idaho State	Sr.
QB	DAVE DICKENSON, Montana	Jr.
RB	SHERIDAN MAY, Idaho	Sr.
RB	FRED MOORE, Montana State	Sr.

#### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
DL	CRAIG STEINMETZER, Eastern Wash.	Sr.
DL	JOE O'BRIEN, Boise State	Sr.
DL	RYAN PHILLIPS, Idaho	Soph.
DL	CHRIS WEST, Northern Arizona	Sr.
LB	DION ALEXANDER, Eastern Washington	Jr.
LB	DAN DOWNS, Montana	Sr.
LB	JASON SHELTON, Idaho	Jr.
DB	DONTA ABRON, Northern Arizona	Sr.
DB	MIREGI HUMA, Idaho	Jr.
DB	MARK GRIMMER, Montana State	Jr.
DB	KEITH BURKE, Montana	Sr.

#### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Class
PK	JEFF STEVENS, Montana State	Soph.
P	DANNY WEEKS, Boise State	Sr.
KR	DAMON BODDIE, Montana	Sr.

### PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



#### OFFENSE:

DAVE DICKENSON  
QB, Montana



#### DEFENSE:

DAN DOWNS  
LB, Montana



# BIG SKY TEAM CHARTS

## BOISE STATE

**Coach:** Pokey Allen (3-8, 1 year; 67-34-2 overall, 8 years).  
**1993 record:** 3-8. Big Sky: 1-6/7th.  
**Top players:** Chris Cook, FS; Greg Erickson, K; Del Graven, TE (will move to FB); Tony Hilde, QB; Ryan Ikebe, WR; DaWuan Miller, CB; Joe O'Brien, DE; Stefan Reid, LB; Chris Shepherd, DT; Prentice Stephens, RB; Danny Weeks, P.  
**Strengths:** Allen is known for getting quick results from new players, which is good because Boise State welcomes 17 junior college transfers. Four of the Broncos' top five tacklers return, and Boise State has a veteran nucleus at linebacker and in the secondary.  
**Weaknesses:** A generous secondary was a big reason why the Broncos allowed 414.7 yards per game last season. Also, the offensive line needs to develop.  
**Outlook:** It's hard to predict, considering Allen's stellar coaching record and the flood of new players. A best-case scenario has the Broncos finishing above .500, but a 4-7 mark is more realistic.  
**Schedule:** Northeastern, Sept. 3; Cal State Northridge, Sept. 10; Nevada, Sept. 17; Liberty, Sept. 24; at Northern Arizona, Oct. 1; Weber State, Oct. 8; at Idaho State, Oct. 15; at Montana State, Oct. 22; Montana, Nov. 5; at Eastern Washington, Nov. 12; Idaho, Nov. 19.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1990.  
**Nickname:** Broncos.  
**Site:** Boise, Idaho.

## EASTERN WASHINGTON

**Coach:** Mike Kramer (first year).  
**1993 record:** 7-3. Big Sky: 5-2/T2nd.  
**Top players:** Tom Ackerman, OT; Dion Alexander, LB; Jason Anderson, WR; Todd Bennett, QB; Evan Brady, LB; T.J. Ewing, C; Harold Fox, OG; Jesse Hardt, TE; David Lewis, RB; Jason Martin, DE; Craig Steinmetz, DT.  
**Strengths:** Thanks to players like Steinmetz and Fox, the Eagles are strong. Bennett is a big, if not nimble, quarterback. Anderson is an explosive receiver and Lewis is a strong running back. The defense will be anchored by a strong line.  
**Weaknesses:** As usual, depth will be a problem for Eastern Washington. The secondary and special teams are concerns, and the players must adjust to Kramer, who was an assistant the last five years at Eastern Washington.  
**Outlook:** Can Kramer continue to do more with less, like his predecessor Dick Zornes did? If not, a middle-division finish is likely for the Eagles.  
**Schedule:** Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Sept. 10; at Montana, Sept. 17; Weber State, Sept. 24; at Portland (Ore.) State, Oct. 1; Idaho, Oct. 8; at Northern Arizona, Oct. 15; at Idaho State, Oct. 22; Montana State, Oct. 29; at Utah State, Nov. 5; Boise State, Nov. 12; at Northern Iowa, Nov. 19.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1992.  
**Nickname:** Eagles.  
**Site:** Cheney, Wash.

## IDAHO

**Coach:** John L. Smith (44-18, 5 years).  
**1993 record:** 11-3 (including 2-1 in I-AA playoffs). Big Sky: 5-2/T2nd.  
**Top players:** Duke Garrett, LB; Kyle Gary, WR; Miregi Huma, SS; Ahmani Johnson, DE; Sheriden May, RB; Dwight McKinzie, WR; Jim Mills, OT; Ryan Phillips, DE; Jason Shelt, LB; Joel Thomas, RB.  
**Strengths:** Phillips, Shelt and Garrett pace a potentially stout defense. Idaho must replace Walter Payton Award winner Doug Nussmeier, but his successor will be surrounded by lots of talent, including May (1,267 yards rushing), Thomas and a full contingent of receivers.  
**Weaknesses:** The Vandals have to find a signal-caller, but they always seem to unearth a winner. The secondary was picked apart in '93, when Idaho allowed 413.5 yards per game. Also, Idaho must replace three starters on the offensive line and find a kicker.  
**Outlook:** It's hard to find a game on the Vandals' schedule that they couldn't—and in most cases shouldn't—win. Idaho won't pace the nation in offense (532.0 yards per game) and scoring again (47.5 points per game), but the Vandals still will be an explosive Top 20 team.  
**Schedule:** At Southern Utah, Sept. 3; at Nevada-Las Vegas, Sept. 17; Stephen F. Austin State, Sept. 24; Idaho State, Oct.

1; at Eastern Washington, Oct. 8; Montana State, Oct. 15; Northern Arizona, Oct. 22; at Montana, Oct. 29; Northern Iowa, Nov. 5; Weber State, Nov. 12; at Boise State, Nov. 19.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1993.  
**Nickname:** Vandals.  
**Site:** Moscow, Idaho.

## IDAHO STATE

**Coach:** Brian McNeely (5-17, 2 years).  
**1993 record:** 2-9. Big Sky: 0-7/8th.  
**Top players:** Alfredo Anderson, QB; Brion Bethel, FS; Derrick Carter, LB; Sam Carter, WR; Josh Gibbs, TE; Steve Krause, LB/DB; Steve Mutsaers, OT; Byron Price, DE; Jeff Vrba, OG; Rommie Wheeler, WR.  
**Strengths:** Nine starters return on offense, including receivers Carter and Wheeler and tight end Gibbs. Anderson, who came to Idaho State as a quarterback but was an all-league tailback last year, will direct the Bengals' short-passing offense. There are lots of speedy players from Florida on the roster.  
**Weaknesses:** Only two defensive starters return. Anderson is a great runner (1,159 yards rushing last year), but other facets of his game are unproven.  
**Outlook:** On paper, Idaho State looks like a contender—but that was the case in 1993, too. The Bengals have yet to learn how to win. Despite the many holes on defense, the unit should be OK, but Idaho State will have to scrap to get out of the Big Sky basement.  
**Schedule:** Adams State (Colo.), Sept. 3; at Utah, Sept. 10; at Northern Arizona, Sept. 17; Mesa State (Colo.), Sept. 24; at Idaho, Oct. 1; at Montana State, Oct. 8; Boise State, Oct. 15; Eastern Washington, Oct. 22; Portland (Ore.) State, Oct. 29; at Weber State, Nov. 5; Montana, Nov. 12.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1983.  
**Nickname:** Bengals.  
**Site:** Pocatello, Idaho.

## MONTANA

**Coach:** Don Read (61-31, 8 years; 130-122-1 overall, 24 years).  
**1993 record:** 10-2 (including 0-1 in I-AA playoffs). Big Sky: 7-0/1st.  
**Top players:** Mike Agee, OG; Sharon Baker, WR/KR; Damon Boddie, RB/KR; Keith Burke, CB; Dave Dickenson, QB; Dan Downs, LB; Scott Gragg, OT; Scott Gurnsey, WR/P; Yohanes Manzanarez, DE; Kurt Schilling, LB.  
**Strengths:** Dickenson, the 1993 Big Sky Most Valuable Player, commands a passing game that led the nation with 359 yards per game last season. His favorite target is Gurnsey, who caught 67 passes for 1,079 yards in '93. On defense, linebackers Downs and Schilling, along with cornerback Burke, are proven impact players.  
**Weaknesses:** The defense, which took its lumps last year, must replace three starters from the secondary. The Grizzlies lack depth in the trenches.  
**Outlook:** This potentially is Read's best team. It's probably his most experienced unit, which will play a soft schedule that features a school-record seven home games, no Division I-A road contests and all of last year's Big Sky front-runners playing in Missoula.  
**Schedule:** Sonoma State (Calif.), Sept. 3; Carson-Newman (Tenn.), Sept. 10; Eastern Washington, Sept. 17; at North Texas, Sept. 24; Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Oct. 1; Northern Arizona, Oct. 8; at Weber State, Oct. 22; Idaho, Oct. 29; at Boise State, Nov. 5; at Idaho State, Nov. 12; Montana State, Nov. 19.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1993.  
**Nickname:** Grizzlies.  
**Site:** Missoula, Mont.

## MONTANA STATE

**Coach:** Cliff Hysell (11-11, 2 years).  
**1993 record:** 7-4. Big Sky: 4-3/4th.  
**Top players:** Mark Grimmer, FS; Jason Hicks, DE; Eric Hopkins, FL; Fred Moore, TB; Clint Morton, TB; Mike Nye, DT; T.T. Ryan, FB; Brock Spencer, QB; Chris Steinbeisser, LB; Jeff Stevens, K; Jason Westbrock, OT.  
**Strengths:** Moore (1,005 yards rushing) and Morton pace a fine ground attack that will work behind a veteran line. The late-season emergence of quarterback Spencer gave the offense a new dimension. Grimmer, the Big Sky's best free

safety, paces the defense. He gets lots of help from end Hicks, who recorded 14 sacks in 1993.  
**Weaknesses:** The Bobcats, who allowed a generous 405.6 yards per game last season, must replace two standouts in the secondary. They also are searching for receivers, where speed is questionable. The punting needs work.  
**Outlook:** Montana State has rejoined the Big Sky elite, but it probably lacks the depth and explosiveness to win a league title.  
**Schedule:** Minnesota-Duluth, Sept. 3; at Stephen F. Austin State, Sept. 10; at Weber State, Sept. 17; Northern Arizona, Sept. 24; at Cal State Sacramento, Oct. 1; Idaho State, Oct. 8; at Idaho, Oct. 15; Boise State, Oct. 22; at Eastern Michigan, Oct. 29; Western New Mexico, Nov. 5; at Montana, Nov. 19.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1984.  
**Nickname:** Bobcats.  
**Site:** Bozeman, Mont.

## NORTHERN ARIZONA

**Coach:** Steve Axman (19-25, 4 years).  
**1993 record:** 7-4. Big Sky: 3-4/7th.  
**Top players:** Donta Abron, CB; Rod Alexander, WR/KR; Jeff Bergman, LB; Art Donnell, OT; Brian Galtbreath, RB; Jeff Lewis, QB; Alex Marcelin, SS; Rod Marshall, WR; Len Raney, RB; Chris West, DT.  
**Strengths:** Northern Arizona is deep at the skill positions and has good speed at receiver. Last year, Lewis threw 15 touchdown passes and just six interceptions. Alexander is one of the Big Sky's best deep threats. The league's top defense (345.9 yards per game) from '93 returns the entire secondary.  
**Weaknesses:** Finding a new punter and place-kicker are priorities. The Lumberjacks' swarming defense was neutralized by good passers at the end of last season. Whether Northern Arizona has the offensive firepower to keep up with the other high-octane offenses in the Big Sky is a question.  
**Outlook:** The Lumberjacks have made great strides under Axman, posting their first winning mark since 1988 and thereby believing they can win. The next hurdle is beating the Big Sky heavyweights.  
**Schedule:** At Nevada, Sept. 3; Southern Utah, Sept. 10; Idaho State, Sept. 17; at Montana State, Sept. 24; Boise State, Oct. 1; at Montana, Oct. 8; Eastern Washington, Oct. 15; at Idaho, Oct. 22; Weber State, Oct. 29; Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Nov. 5; at Cal State Northridge, Nov. 12.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.  
**Nickname:** Lumberjacks.  
**Site:** Flagstaff, Ariz.

## WEBER STATE

**Coach:** Dave Arslanian (29-27, 5 years).  
**1993 record:** 7-4. Big Sky: 3-4/7th.  
**Top players:** Derrick Beatty, CB; Pokey Eckford, WR; Aaron Fisher, RB; Rob Hitchcock, DB; Bryan Martin, QB; Pat McNamee, TE; Sheddric Mickles, SS; Max Mitchell, CB; Kyle Stephens, OT; Dell Stilson, WR.  
**Strengths:** McNamee, who caught 53 passes for 489 yards in '93, is one of the nation's best tight ends. Hitchcock, who returned two interceptions for touchdowns last year, leads an experienced secondary, and the defensive ends are strong.  
**Weaknesses:** Weber State's offense was devastated by the transfer of quarterback Brad Otton (Southern California) and tailback Markeith Ross (San Diego State). Also, five offensive-line starters must be found. Last season, the Wildcats had the dubious distinction of having the worst defense (416.1 yards per game) in a defense-poor league. Complicating matters is the fact the linebacking corps must be rebuilt. A kicker and punter must be found.  
**Outlook:** There's enough talent and NAIA teams on the schedule to avoid a complete collapse, but don't expect the Wildcats to contend. The transfer of star players underscores a bigger problem in Ogden: Boosters and the coaching staff have to raise \$500,000 to save the program.  
**Schedule:** Western Montana, Sept. 3; Montana Tech, Sept. 10; Montana State, Sept. 17; at Eastern Washington, Sept. 24; at Northeast Louisiana, Oct. 1; at Boise State, Oct. 8; at Southern Utah, Oct. 15; Montana, Oct. 22; at Northern Arizona, Oct. 29; Idaho State, Nov. 5; at Idaho, Nov. 12.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1991.  
**Nickname:** Wildcats.  
**Site:** Ogden, Utah.

Text by Kim Briggeman.



# Redbirds' Stevens makes no bones about it: He likes tackling

By SCOTT HEIBERGER

Peoria Journal Star

Chris Stevens sports a flaming-skull tattoo on his upper left arm, wears a small silver-skull necklace, has skull lights hanging in his bedroom and occasionally wears bandannas emblazoned with skulls.

"I just like skulls," said the Illinois State inside linebacker, who enjoys bashing skulls on the field.

"The best feeling is when you really hit a guy, land on top of him and the pile falls on you," said Stevens, who was named Illinois State's Defensive Player of the Year in 1993. "You're pressed face to face with him and he's looking up at you thinking: 'Oh, my God, what did this guy just do to me?'"

Stevens is very familiar with the feeling of making a tackle. Last year marked the second straight season that the 5-foot-10, 233-pound junior had led Illinois State in tackles, notching 111 stops and eight tackles for losses en route to All-Gateway Conference honors.

"He knows where the ball is," said former Illinois State defensive end Clint Cullen.

"The guy's like a Sherman tank. He'll stick his head anywhere."

Additionally, Stevens helped Illinois State post a 6-4-1 record in 1993, its first winning season since 1985. The Redbirds closed the year by beating eventual I-AA national champion Youngstown State, 13-10.

Like the flames that wreath his skull tattoo, Stevens caught fire at Illinois State as a redshirt freshman in 1992. That year, he earned second-team All-Gateway honors and became the first freshman in Redbirds history to lead the team in tackles (92).

Despite his stocky build, Stevens makes plays from sideline to sideline. The Ben Davis High School (Indianapolis) product eclipsed the career 200-tackle plateau (203) faster than any player in Illinois State history, including Wilbert Brown (1988-91), the all-time Gateway Conference leader.

"He plays much faster than his 40 time (4.98 seconds)," Illinois State Coach Jim Heacock said. "He has very little wasted motion."

"Besides having good instincts, he's very intelligent and studies a lot of film."

Stevens has drawn upon all his attributes to improve his pass coverage. He was taken

out of games in passing situations as a freshman and for the first part of last season. But Heacock plans to keep Stevens on the field more in 1994.

"We want him out there every down, except for maybe obvious passing situations," said Heacock, who returns 20 starters to his 1994 Illinois State squad. "He's taken a big step in improving what had been a weakness and making it a strength."

Stevens does have one career interception. The memorable event took place during his freshman year, against Southern Illinois. But he fumbled the ball at the end of a 21-yard return and a teammate recovered it.

"It was a mess," Stevens said. "I cut in to a 290-pound lineman and when I went to hit him, I kind of forgot I had the ball. I sort of tackled him instead of just lowering my shoulder. I still catch cracks about that."

The instinct to tackle does not fade easily for Stevens. ♦



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3. SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE
4. WESTERN ILLINOIS
5. EASTERN ILLINOIS
6. INDIANA STATE
7. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

### ALL-GATEWAY TEAM

#### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
WR	KEVIN DIXSON, Illinois State	Sr.
WR	DEDRIC WARD, Northern Iowa	Soph.
TE	MATT HARKEN, Northern Iowa	Jr.
T	COREY MACKEY, Illinois State	Sr.
T	ADAM LOVE, Western Illinois	Jr.
C	DONALD MUMMA, Northern Iowa	Sr.
G	RICHARD HUDDLESTON, Western Illinois	Sr.
G	DON MENSICK, Eastern Illinois	Sr.
QB	DANNY BARNETT, Illinois State	Sr.
RB	WILLIE HIGH, Eastern Illinois	Jr.
RB	DAVID WRIGHT, Indiana State	Jr.

#### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
DL	DAN BRANDENBURG, Indiana State	Jr.
DL	KEVIN ZENG, Eastern Illinois	Sr.
DL	DUSTIN RUSCH, Indiana State	Sr.
LB	ANDRE ALLEN, Northern Iowa	Sr.
LB	CHRIS STEVENS, Illinois State	Jr.
LB	PAUL WOLF, Northern Iowa	Sr.
LB	DeLAUN FOWLER, SW Missouri State	Jr.
DB	RAY McELROY, Eastern Illinois	Sr.
DB	TRAVIS RICHARDSON, SW Missouri State	Soph.
DB	MYRON GLASS, Northern Iowa	Sr.
DB	JASON McCLEARY, Northern Iowa	Sr.

#### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Class
PK	TODD KURZ, Illinois State	Soph.
P	ROSS SCHULTE, Western Illinois	Sr.
KR	JASON McCLEARY, Northern Iowa	Sr.

### PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



#### OFFENSE:

WILLIE HIGH  
RB, Eastern Illinois



#### DEFENSE:

ANDRE ALLEN  
LB, Northern Iowa

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# GATEWAY TEAM CHARTS

## EASTERN ILLINOIS

**Coach:** Bob Spoo (36-42-1, 7 years).  
**1993 record:** 3-7-1. Gateway: 2-3-1/T4th.  
**Top players:** Tim Carver, LB; Duane Conway, C; Chris Hicks, RB; Willie High, RB; Aaron Hill, OG; Greg Jensik, WR; Steve Largent, K; Ray McElroy, CB; Don Mensik, OG; Kevin Zeng, DE.  
**Strengths:** Nine starters return on each side of the ball. High, who rushed for 1,487 yards in 1993, is the top returning rusher in the I-AA ranks. He'll run behind a veteran line. McElroy, a two-time All-Gateway pick at cornerback, leads the defense. Largent has made a school-record 58 consecutive extra points.  
**Weaknesses:** The Panthers lack speed at receiver and size on the defensive line. They also tend to allow the big play.  
**Outlook:** Eastern Illinois appears poised for its first winning season since 1989. Much depends on finding a replacement for four-year starting quarterback Jeff Thome. The top candidates are Pete Mauch and Northern Illinois transfer Ron Reichert.  
**Schedule:** Murray State, Sept. 1; at Texas-El Paso, Sept. 10; Lock Haven (Pa.), Sept. 17; at Northern Illinois, Sept. 24; at Southwest Missouri State, Oct. 1; Northern Iowa, Oct. 8; at Western Illinois, Oct. 22; Indiana State, Oct. 29; at Illinois State, Nov. 5; Western Kentucky, Nov. 12; Southern Illinois, Nov. 19.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1989.  
**Nickname:** Panthers.  
**Site:** Charleston, Ill.

## ILLINOIS STATE

**Coach:** Jim Heacock (27-38-1, 6 years).  
**1993 record:** 6-4-1. Gateway: 2-3-1/T4th.  
**Top players:** Danny Barnett, QB; Bruce Barro, C; Jerry Creer, CB; Kevin Dixon, SE; Armandos Fisher, LB/DE (transfer/Tennessee); Todd Kurz, P/K; Corey Mackey, OT; Lonnie Robinson, FS; Cameron Smith, RB; Chris Stevens, LB.  
**Strengths:** Smith, who in '93 became the first freshman in school annals to rush for more than 1,000 (1,016) yards, and Michigan State transfer Hickey Thompson are good running backs who will run behind an experienced line. Barnett is a tough team leader with an accurate arm. Tackling machine Stevens heads a strong linebacking corps. Four starters return in the secondary, and Kurz, who booted a school-record 18 field goals in '93, is a great kicker.  
**Weaknesses:** The Redbirds have holes to fill on the defensive line. Speed and depth at receiver also are concerns.  
**Outlook:** Coming off its first winning season since 1985 and with 18 starters back, Illinois State thinks it can win the conference. And it may.  
**Schedule:** At McNeese State, Sept. 3; Washburn (Kan.), Sept. 10; at Western Illinois, Sept. 17; at Indiana State, Sept. 24; Central Florida, Oct. 1; Southwest Missouri State, Oct. 8; at Buffalo, Oct. 15; at Northern Iowa, Oct. 22; Southern Illinois, Oct. 29; Eastern Illinois, Nov. 5; at Middle Tennessee State, Nov. 12.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.  
**Nickname:** Redbirds.  
**Site:** Normal, Ill.

## INDIANA STATE

**Coach:** Dennis Raelz (72-83-1, 14 years).  
**1993 record:** 4-7. Gateway: 2-4/6th.  
**Top players:** Dan Brandenburg, DT; Larry Brown, WR; Scott Crenshaw, WR; Tim Herrin, OT; Dre Knox, CB; Richard Moss, LB; Dustin Rusch, NG; Larry Scally, CB; Ben Wolfe, FB; David Wright, TB/KR.  
**Strengths:** The defense, which returns 10 starters, features perhaps the best line in the conference. Wright, who rushed for 1,262 yards in '93, probably will hold every league mark before he's finished. The top eight receivers return, as do the kicker and punter.  
**Weaknesses:** The Sycamores, who haven't had a winning season since 1984, must replace four starters on the offensive line and find a quarterback.  
**Outlook:** The schedule is set up for a fast start, but the key is how quickly the offensive line can be rebuilt so Wright has room to run.  
**Schedule:** At Toledo, Sept. 3; Lock Haven (Pa.), Sept. 10; West Virginia Tech, Sept. 17; Illinois State, Sept. 24; Northern Iowa, Oct. 1; at Southern Illinois, Oct. 8; at Western Illinois, Oct. 15; Southwest Missouri State, Oct. 22; at Eastern Illinois, Oct. 29; at Western Kentucky, Nov. 5; Youngstown

State, Nov. 19.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1984.  
**Nickname:** Sycamores.  
**Site:** Terre Haute, Ind.

## NORTHERN IOWA

**Coach:** Terry Allen (47-15, 5 years).  
**1993 record:** 8-4 (including 0-1 in I-AA playoffs). Gateway: 5-1/1st.  
**Top players:** Andre Allen, LB; Myron Glass, CB; Kevin Hammond, LB; Matt Harken, TE; Jason McCleary, SS/KR; Darrell Minnieweather, LB; Donald Mumma, C; Brett O'Donnell, QB; Jeff Stovall, RB; Dedric Ward, WR; Paul Wolf, LB.  
**Strengths:** Andre Allen, the '93 Gateway Defensive Player of the Year, headlines eight returning starters on defense. The offense, which returns six starters, will be built around a talented pool of receivers and running backs, including Stovall, who led the Gateway with 17 touchdowns and 102 points.  
**Weaknesses:** The defensive line is suspect, and a quarterback, place-kicker and punter must be found.  
**Outlook:** Terry Allen always seems able to replace old stars with new stars. With that in mind, the Panthers, who have won 28 straight regular-season home games, should win their fourth consecutive outright Gateway title.  
**Schedule:** At Iowa State, Sept. 1; at Southwest Texas State, Sept. 8; Southwest Missouri State, Sept. 17; McNeese State, Sept. 24; at Indiana State, Oct. 1; at Eastern Illinois, Oct. 8; Illinois State, Oct. 22; Western Illinois, Oct. 29; at Idaho, Nov. 5; at Southern Illinois, Nov. 12; Eastern Washington, Nov. 19.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1993.  
**Nickname:** Panthers.  
**Site:** Cedar Falls, Ia.

## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

**Coach:** Shawn Watson (first year).  
**1993 record:** 2-9. Gateway: 1-5/7th.  
**Top players:** Jim Cravens, SS; Melvin Dukes, TB; Darrell Hendricks, FS; Dave Pierson, QB; David Smith, TE; Brian Tranchitella, LB; Eric Woldridge, OT.  
**Strengths:** There's experience at quarterback, Smith (21 receptions in '93) is an emerging star and Dukes gained 479 yards before being sidelined with a knee injury last season. Cravens, a second-team all-league pick in '93, and Tranchitella, Southern Illinois' top returning tackler, pace the defense.  
**Weaknesses:** The Salukis ranked last in the Gateway in scoring defense (33.9 points per game) and total defense (397.2 yards per game) in '93. The receiving corps is inexperienced and thin.  
**Outlook:** Watson, an assistant for the last seven seasons at Miami of Ohio, takes over a program that has had a losing record in eight of the last 10 years. With that in mind, it will take Southern Illinois time to rebuild.  
**Schedule:** Tennessee-Martin, Sept. 3; at Mississippi, Sept. 10; at Arkansas State, Sept. 17; Western Illinois, Oct. 1; Indiana State, Oct. 8; Southeast Missouri State, Oct. 15; at Western Kentucky, Oct. 22; at Illinois State, Oct. 29; at Southwest Missouri State, Nov. 5; Northern Iowa, Nov. 12; at Eastern Illinois, Nov. 19.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1983.  
**Nickname:** Salukis.  
**Site:** Carbondale, Ill.

## SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

**Coach:** Jesse Branch (51-37-1, 8 years).  
**1993 record:** 7-4. Gateway: 4-2/T2nd.  
**Top players:** DeLaun Fowler, LB; Jerry Freeny, CB; Luke Hake, C; Matt Hosey, TB; Kenny Hutchison, NT; Willie Parks, CB; Phil Perkins, WR; Travis Richardson, FS; Doug Silhavy, DE; Russell Traphagan, OG.  
**Strengths:** Fowler, who led the Bears with 111 stops in '93, paces six returning starters from a unit that ranked fourth in the nation in total defense (274.8 yards per game) last year. Hosey will run behind an experienced offensive line, anchored by Hake. Overall, there's lots of depth.  
**Weaknesses:** Branch is switching from a flexbone, triple-option offense to a multiple, pro-style attack. The players must adapt quickly. Southwest Missouri State lacks experience at defensive line, quarterback and receiver.  
**Outlook:** The Bears, who have just 10 seniors on their roster, might be a year or two away from contending, but never count out a Branch-coached club.  
**Schedule:** North Texas, Sept. 10; at Northern Iowa, Sept.

17; Western Illinois, Sept. 24; Eastern Illinois, Oct. 1; at Illinois State, Oct. 8; Liberty, Oct. 15; at Indiana State, Oct. 22; Central State (O.), Oct. 29; Southern Illinois, Nov. 5; at Tulsa, Nov. 12; at Jacksonville (Ala.) State, Nov. 19.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1990.  
**Nickname:** Bears.  
**Site:** Springfield, Mo.

## WESTERN ILLINOIS

**Coach:** Randy Ball (21-23-1, 4 years).  
**1993 record:** 4-7. Gateway: 4-2/T2nd.  
**Top players:** Harvie Herrington, DE; Richard Huddleston, OG; Rory Lee, RB; Adam Love, OT; Gil Plasencia, OT; Ross Schulte, P/K; Rob St. Sauver, QB; Gunnard Twyner, WR; Jason Vasconez, LB; Ricardo Williams, DB.  
**Strengths:** The offense boasts nine returning starters, including the top three rushers from '93. The pass-catch combination of St. Sauver and Twyner should be excellent. Western Illinois' secondary returns three starters.  
**Weaknesses:** Questions abound on defense. The line is iffy due to injuries, and the loss of linebacker Ken McMillan, the school's all-time leading tackler, and All-America safety Rodney Harrison is devastating.  
**Outlook:** The Leathernecks will contend if they can re-establish the chemistry they lost last season under a crush of injuries and incoming transfers. But even with those troubles in '93, Western Illinois came within one victory of winning the conference and becoming the first team in I-AA history to make the playoffs with a losing record.  
**Schedule:** Iowa Wesleyan, Sept. 1; at Western Michigan, Sept. 8; Illinois State, Sept. 17; at Southwest Missouri State, Sept. 24; at Southern Illinois, Oct. 1; Indiana State, Oct. 15; Eastern Illinois, Oct. 22; at Northern Iowa, Oct. 29; Jacksonville (Ala.) State, Nov. 5; Buffalo, Nov. 12.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1991.  
**Nickname:** Leathernecks.  
**Site:** Macomb, Ill.

Text by Scott Heiberger.



Eastern Illinois running back Willie High.



# In 1994, Penn back has sights set on team—not personal—goals

By **FRANK BENSON**

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**T**errance Stokes doesn't want to set any goals this season. Any personal goals, that is.

The Pennsylvania tailback began last season hoping to rush for 1,500 yards and score 15 touchdowns. He ended his junior year with 1,211 yards and six TDs. However, the Quakers finished the season with a 10-0 record, the first undefeated season for an Ivy League team since Penn's 10-0 campaign in 1986.

"It was a special, very special season," Stokes said. "The most enjoyable I've ever had. It taught me that personal goals don't really mean anything."

After last year's success, Stokes will be expected to lead the Quakers to the Ivy League crown again in 1994. And he should get the ball a lot more often than the 28.8 times (pass receptions and kick returns included) he averaged last year.

"Terrance is one of those guys who just gives you his all," Penn Coach Al Bagnoli said. "He's not very big, but he's determined. We're very happy to have him."

The 5-foot-10, 168-pound Stokes was two inches shorter and 20 pounds lighter when he reported to Penn after concluding his high school career in Trenton, N.J.

"Penn was the only place that recruited me that thought I could carry the football," he

said. "Everybody else thought I should play in the defensive backfield."

Stokes, however, was an option quarterback in high school and didn't play defense. "They put in the freeze option for me, so I carried the ball a lot. That's what I like to do."

As a runner, Stokes is not one to bull his way downfield. "Playing running back is all instinct and vision," he said. "I'm not going to run over you. I want to slip by you."

Stokes has done his share of slipping past Ivy League defenders for the last two seasons. Last year, he outgained the league's Most Valuable Player and Division I-AA's No. 2 rusher, Princeton's Keith Elias, in the biggest game of the Ivy season.

"Princeton did a lot of talking and that was fine," said Stokes, who rushed for a school-record 272 yards in a 30-14 Penn victory before 35,810 fans at Franklin Field. "We just played the game."

"It was a lot of fun to play a game in front of a lot of people and lots of media. People knock Ivy League football, but I think people who watched are surprised by the level of play."

Stokes was recruited by a number of Division I-AA schools. He is a big supporter of Bagnoli, who has led the Quakers back to glory after the one-time Ivy League power (six league titles won or shared in the 1980s) fell on hard times a few years ago.

"He's so organized and prepared," Stokes said. "He always knows what he wants us to do and he always seems to be right on the money."

He's a confident individual. He really inspires us."

Stokes, who attended Trenton Central High, remembers losing to rival Middletown South, 15-14, in the 1990 Central Jersey Group IV title game. "We had the ball on the (opponent's) 3-yard line with about four minutes to play and we couldn't score," he said. "That one really hurt. Our school hadn't been to the championship game since the early 1900s."

That setback made last year's Ivy League title all the sweeter for Stokes. "It's something I can look back on as a real accomplishment," he said.

Stokes, an African American studies major, hopes to attend law school next year. But that doesn't mean he's ready to become a lawyer just yet. He still has some arguments to settle on the football field.

"I don't like to talk," he said. "I just want to do it on the field."

Sounds like a pretty good personal goal for 1994. ♦

## The Sporting News PREDICTIONS

1. PENNSYLVANIA
2. CORNELL
3. DARTMOUTH
4. HARVARD
5. YALE
6. PRINCETON
7. COLUMBIA
8. BROWN

### ALL-IVY TEAM

#### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
WR	MILES MACIK, Pennsylvania	Jr.
WR	AARON BERRYMAN, Cornell	Sr.
TE	JIM LANGFORD, Yale	Sr.
T	CARL TETER, Princeton	Sr.
T	MIKE MCKEAN, Cornell	Sr.
C	PETE GIANNAKOULIS, Pennsylvania	Sr.
G	RENE ABDALAH, Brown	Sr.
G	JOHN BAJUS, Dartmouth	Sr.
QB	TREVOR YANKOFF, Brown	Sr.
RB	TERRANCE STOKES, Pennsylvania	Sr.
RB	MARQUIS JESSIE, Brown	Soph.

#### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
DE	MICHAEL TURNER, Pennsylvania	Sr.
DE	BRETT ATKINS, Brown	Sr.
DT	JOHN LYKOURTZOS, Yale	Jr.
LB	PAT GOODWILLIE, Pennsylvania	Sr.
LB	CARL RICCI, Yale	Sr.
LB	DAVE PATTERSON, Princeton	Jr.
LB	HUNTER BUCKNER, Dartmouth	Sr.
DB	TERRY GOLDEN, Cornell	Sr.
DB	JAMIE DANIELS, Pennsylvania	Sr.
DB	BRIAN WHITE, Dartmouth	Sr.
DB	EUGENE SMITH, Brown	Sr.

#### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Class
PK	BOB WARDEN, Brown	Sr.
P	JAY WALLER, Yale	Jr.
KR	MARK FABISH, Pennsylvania	Soph.

### PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



#### OFFENSE:

**TERRANCE STOKES,**  
RB, Pennsylvania



#### DEFENSE:

**PAT GOODWILLIE,**  
LB, Pennsylvania



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Pennsylvania's Terrance Stokes has done his share of slipping past Ivy League defenders the last two seasons.



# IVY LEAGUE TEAM CHARTS

## BROWN

**Coach:** Mark Whipple (first year).

**1993 record:** 4-6. Ivy: 3-4/T4th.

**Top players:** Rene Abdallah, OG; Brett Atkins, DE; Charlie Buckley, WR; Marquis Jessie, RB; Eugene Smith, DB; Bob Warden, K; Trevor Yankoff, QB.

**Strengths:** No team in the league has more returning starters (20) than the Bears. Yankoff is the league's top returning quarterback, and he has an all-league receiver in Buckley. Atkins, an all-league defensive end, had eight sacks last year.

**Weaknesses:** There's not much depth at any position. Also, these players don't exactly have a habit of winning (just nine victories in the last six years).

**Outlook:** New Coach Whipple has brought in something called a "Whip-lash" offense. It put a lot of points on the board when he was coach at Division II New Haven, but former Brown coach Mickey Kwiatkowski also was an offensive specialist and the team never really responded under his direction.

**Schedule:** Yale, Sept. 17; at Rhode Island, Sept. 24; Colgate, Oct. 1; at Princeton, Oct. 8; Holy Cross, Oct. 15; Pennsylvania, Oct. 22; at Cornell, Oct. 29; at Harvard, Nov. 5; Dartmouth, Nov. 12; at Columbia, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** Ivy League does not compete in playoffs.

**Nickname:** Bears.

**Site:** Providence, R.I.

## COLUMBIA

**Coach:** Ray Tellier (8-42, 5 years; 29-68-1 overall, 10 years). **1993 record:** 2-8. Ivy: 1-6/T7th.

**Top players:** Brian Bassett, TE; Jim Jim Jones, WR; Jake Lill, LB; Tony Petras, OT; Jamie Schwalbe, QB; Rich Weindl, OT; Marcellus Wiley, TB.

**Strengths:** Schwalbe threw for 1,140 yards last year after stepping in for injured regular Chad Andzrejewski. Wiley was the Lions' leading rusher last season and Petras was an all-league choice at tackle.

**Weaknesses:** Only two starters return on defense and, as usual at Columbia, depth is a big problem.

**Overall:** Columbia has become a more physical team and Tellier thinks his Lions can compete in 1994. Everyone must stay healthy, however.

**Schedule:** Harvard, Sept. 17; at Lehigh, Sept. 24; Lafayette, Oct. 1; at Fordham, Oct. 8; at Pennsylvania, Oct. 15; at Yale, Oct. 22; Princeton, Oct. 29; at Dartmouth, Nov. 5; Cornell, Nov. 12; Brown, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** Ivy League does not compete in playoffs.

**Nickname:** Lions.

**Site:** New York.

## CORNELL

**Coach:** Jim Hofher (23-17, 4 years).

**1993 record:** 4-6. Ivy: 3-4/T4th.

**Top players:** Aaron Berryman, WR; Greg Bloedorn, C; Ned Burke, FB; Dick Emmet, DE; Jeff Gilkinson, OG; Terry Golden, FS; Chad Levitt, TB; Ron Mateo, WR; Mike McKean, OT; John Vitullo, LB.

**Strengths:** The Big Red has more returning lettermen (34) than any other Ivy League team. Both lines are well-stocked, led by Emmet on defense and McKean, a three-year starter, on offense. Three starters return in the defensive backfield, including second-team all-league pick Golden.

**Weaknesses:** A replacement must be found for Bill Lazor, Cornell's all-time passing leader. A workhorse running back and a kicker must be found, too.

**Outlook:** The Big Red could make some noise if it finds a quarterback to deliver the ball to its solid corps of receivers. Cornell's defense should be one of the league's best.

**Schedule:** Princeton, Sept. 17; at Fordham, Sept. 24; Lehigh, Oct. 1; at Harvard, Oct. 8; at Bucknell, Oct. 15; Dartmouth, Oct. 22; Brown, Oct. 29; at Yale, Nov. 5; at Columbia, Nov. 12; Pennsylvania, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** Ivy League does not compete in playoffs.

**Nickname:** Big Red.

**Site:** Ithaca, N.Y.

## DARTMOUTH

**Coach:** John Lyons (15-5, 2 years).

**1993 record:** 7-3. Ivy: 6-1/2nd.



Harvard linebacker Ed Kinney.

**Top players:** John Bajus, OG; Josh Bloom, LB; Chris Boran, SS; Hunter Buckner, LB; Andre Grant, WR; Mike Harrieff, DB; Zack Lehman, NG; Pete Oberle, TB; David Shearer, WR; Brian White, CB.

**Strengths:** Dartmouth's defense should again be strong with the return of Bloom, who has led the team in tackles for the last two years. Buckner was a second-team all-league choice last season. Oberle is one of the Ivy's best returning backs. There's depth at wide receiver, too.

**Weaknesses:** In a league that lost a boatload of star quarterbacks, Dartmouth is no exception. The Big Green must replace Jay Fiedler, the Ivy League's MVP in 1992. There could be some problems in the secondary.

**Outlook:** Lyons has produced back-to-back winners in his first two seasons in Hanover, and this year should be no different. The answers should come early, when the Big Green plays host to Penn on September 24.

**Schedule:** At Colgate, Sept. 17; Pennsylvania, Sept. 24; Fordham, Oct. 1; at Lafayette, Oct. 8; Yale, Oct. 15; at Cornell, Oct. 22; Harvard, Oct. 29; Columbia, Nov. 5; at Brown, Nov. 12; at Princeton, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** Ivy League does not compete in playoffs.

**Nickname:** Big Green.

**Site:** Hanover, N.H.

## HARVARD

**Coach:** Tim Murphy (first year; 32-45-1 overall, 9 years).

**1993 record:** 3-7. Ivy: 1-6/T7th.

**Top players:** Mike Amico Wallace, HB; Doug Anderson, DE; John Brown, DT; Toby Brundage, C; Mark Cote, HB; Kevin Dwan, FS; Vincent Ferrara, QB; Mike Halligan, SE; Brian Johnson, OT; Ed Kinney, LB; David Sprinkle, FB; Nate Tyrell, CB.

**Strengths:** The Crimson returns six starters on defense, including senior linemen Anderson and Brown. Kinney should be one of the league's best linebackers. On offense, the team's top two runners, Cote and Sprinkle, return.

**Weaknesses:** The offensive line will be inexperienced. Ferrara, although a highly regarded quarterback, hasn't had a chance to play much.

**Outlook:** Murphy, who left Cincinnati after turning the Bearcats into a winner, has a few things to work with in Cambridge. Harvard, which hasn't had a winning season since 1987, could break into the Ivy League's upper division with a few breaks.

**Schedule:** At Columbia, Sept. 17; Bucknell, Sept. 24; at Holy Cross, Oct. 1; Cornell, Oct. 8; at Princeton, Oct. 22; at Dartmouth, Oct. 29; Brown, Nov. 5; at Pennsylvania, Nov. 12; Yale, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** Ivy League does not compete in playoffs.

**Nickname:** Crimson.

**Site:** Cambridge, Mass.

## PENNSYLVANIA

**Coach:** Al Bagnoli (17-3, 2 years; 103-22 overall, 12 years).

**1993 record:** 10-0. Ivy: 7-0/1st.

**Top players:** Aman Abye, RB; Jamie Daniels, CB; Mark Fabish, WR; Pete Giannakoulis, C; Pat Goodwillie, LB; Chris Johnson, DL; Miles Mack, WR; Nick Morris, FS; Terrance Stokes, RB; Michael Turner, DE.

**Strengths:** Stokes, an All-Ivy selection, rushed for 1,211 yards last season. Penn may have the league's best defender in Goodwillie, who had 106 tackles last year. Mack is one of the league's top receivers.

**Weaknesses:** Someone must be found to supplant quarterback Jimmy McGeehan, the school's all-time passing leader. Replacements also must be found for all-league performers on both lines.

**Outlook:** Another 10-0 season is not out of the question for the Quakers, clearly the Ivy League favorites this year.

**Schedule:** Lafayette, Sept. 17; at Dartmouth, Sept. 24; at Richmond, Oct. 1; Holy Cross, Oct. 8; Columbia, Oct. 15; at Brown, Oct. 22; Yale, Oct. 29; at Princeton, Nov. 5; Harvard, Nov. 12; at Cornell, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** Ivy League does not compete in playoffs.

**Nickname:** Quakers.

**Site:** Philadelphia.

## PRINCETON

**Coach:** Steve Tosches (46-23-1, 7 years).

**1993 record:** 8-2. Ivy: 5-2/3rd.

**Top players:** Mark Berkowitz, SS; C.J. Brucato, FB; Dave Patterson, LB; Jonathan Reid, CB; Marc Ross, WR; Dave Scoggin, FL; Carl Teter, OT.

**Strengths:** Teter, considered the best offensive lineman in the league and a possible NFL prospect, will anchor a strong line. The Tigers also return their top two receivers in Ross and Scoggin. Berkowitz is an all-league strong safety.

**Weaknesses:** The Tigers lost 16 starters—including league MVP Keith Elias, who set 21 school records at running back. Princeton must find a new quarterback (a whole new backfield, actually) and a new linebacking corps.

**Outlook:** The Tigers have a lot of questions to answer as they enter their 125th anniversary football season. Tosches has built Princeton into one of the league's biggest winners, but he faces his biggest challenge this year.

**Schedule:** At Cornell, Sept. 17; Colgate, Sept. 24; Bucknell, Oct. 1; Brown, Oct. 8; at Fordham, Oct. 15; Harvard, Oct. 22; at Columbia, Oct. 29; Pennsylvania, Nov. 5; at Yale, Nov. 12; Dartmouth, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** Ivy League does not compete in playoffs.

**Nickname:** Tigers.

**Site:** Princeton, N.J.

## YALE

**Coach:** Carmen Cozza (169-99-5, 30 years).

**1993 record:** 3-7. Ivy: 2-5/6th.

**Top players:** Dave Feuerstein, WR; Mike Fitzpatrick, FS; Bob Greenlee, DL; Jim Langford, TE; John Lykouritzos, DT; Matt Miller, TE; Keith Price, RB; Dave Prybyla, TE; Carl Ricci, LB; John Stalzer, K; Jay Sturhahn, C; Jay Waller, P.

**Strengths:** Ricci's 166 tackles last year were the second-highest total in Yale history and 99 more than any teammate. Three starters return in the secondary, including veteran free safety Fitzpatrick. Stalzer is one of the league's best kickers.

**Weaknesses:** The offense is a big question mark. Twenty-five players went down to injury last year, including the top quarterback and Price, an all-league running back. Replacements were never really found.

**Outlook:** Cozza has built winning teams around defense before. Despite all the question marks on offense, he could do it again.

**Schedule:** At Brown, Sept. 17; Holy Cross, Sept. 24; Connecticut, Oct. 1; Lehigh, Oct. 8; at Dartmouth, Oct. 15; Columbia, Oct. 22; at Pennsylvania, Oct. 29; Cornell, Nov. 5; Princeton, Nov. 12; at Harvard, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** Ivy League does not compete in playoffs.

**Nicknames:** Elis, Bulldogs.

**Site:** New Haven, Conn.

Text by Frank Benson.



# Iona passer Proudian discovers there's no place like New Rochelle

By **BILL DOHERTY**

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**T**om Proudian didn't give so much as a passing thought to attending Iona College following his stellar career at New Rochelle (N.Y.) High School.

You see, the 6-foot-1, 180-pound quarterback, like many fresh-scrubbed high school graduates, wanted to go away to college, to experience a new town, new hangouts and a new circle of friends. And there was nothing new to him about Iona, which is located in New Rochelle.

In fact, if he had wanted to, Proudian probably could have lined up in the shotgun formation and thrown a football from his old high school to the Iona campus.

So when it was time to choose a college, Proudian elected to try something new over something tried-and-true. He picked Hofstra over Holy Cross, Wagner, Boston University and Iona.

"I knew all about Tom in high school... I had seen him play a number of times on the local cable TV station and liked him as a player," Iona Coach Harold Crocker said. "I had gone over to New Rochelle High, where I used to coach, and discussed with him the virtues of attending Iona. But, like a lot of local kids, Tom viewed Iona as the school across the street. He wanted to get out of town and experience something different."

However, instead of one endless fraternity party, Proudian's out-of-town journey turned out to be a short, miserable experience. In his one semester at Hofstra, Proudian missed the football season as a medical redshirt after undergoing a hernia operation. He was homesick. On top of that, Hofstra had brought in four other quarterbacks along with Proudian, so the injured signal-caller was buried on the depth chart.

"It wasn't exactly the freshman year that I had envisioned," Proudian said. "Nothing was going right. I was injured, homesick and unhappy. So I decided to come back home to Iona. I knew Coach Crocker. Like Hofstra, I knew that Iona ran the run-and-shoot offense. Plus, the folks at home could come see me play. It just seemed like the right thing to do at the time."

"And as it turned out, I made the right move. My life has taken a 180-degree turn since I decided to come home."

As a redshirt freshman in 1992, Proudian served as a backup to senior Bill Hyland, who suffered a series of nagging injuries that gave Proudian more playing time than he had antici-

pated in his first season with the Gaels. Despite a year of inactivity at Hofstra, the strong-armed Proudian made the most of his opportunities, which included two starts. He completed 71 of 150 passes for 875 yards and nine touchdowns.

"The experience of playing as a redshirt freshman really helped Tommy," Crocker said. "The quarterback job was open after Hyland graduated and we thought there might be a battle for it, but there wasn't. Tom's playing experience, plus the fact that he had worked hard in the off-season, made him the man for the job."

The hometown boy certainly made good last fall, rewriting the Iona record book in his sophomore year by setting 10 school marks, including single-season records for pass attempts (440), completions (262), yards (3,378) and touchdowns (29).

Proudian finished last season ranked third among I-AA players in total offense (332.2 yards per game) and 13th in passing efficiency (139.7 rating). His accomplishments didn't go unnoticed. Proudian was an All-Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference selection after leading the Gaels to a school-best 9-2 record and the inaugural MAAC football title.

The question now is: After last year's dream season, what will Proudian do for an encore as a junior? For one thing, he promises not to rest on his laurels.

"Last season was the greatest year of my life," he said. "I'll remember it forever. But the fact is that we're the defending MAAC champs, so teams in our league will be gunning for us. Just like teams will go all out to knock the Dallas Cowboys off their perch this year. So we better be ready to play each week. Because if there's anyone in this world who knows about how quickly things can change in life, whether it be from good to bad or vice versa, it's me." ♦



After last year's dream season, Iona's Tom Proudian promises not to rest on his laurels.

## The Sporting News PREDICTIONS

### ORDER OF FINISH

1. IONA
2. CANISIUS
3. ST. PETER'S
4. ST. JOHN'S
5. DUQUESNE
6. GEORGETOWN
7. MARIST
8. SIENA

### ALL-MAAC TEAM

#### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
WR	RAY MARSHALL, St. Peter's	Sr.
WR	MARK KOLBE, Canisius	Soph.
TE	DAN PARKER, St. John's	Jr.
T	STEVE CAMPILAY, St. John's	Sr.
T	MURRY HAPPER, Georgetown	Sr.
C	JON SANFRATELLO, Canisius	Jr.
G	JOE SEGARRA, St. Peter's	Sr.
G	CHRIS MOYER, Canisius	Sr.
QB	TOM PROUDIAN, Iona	Jr.
RB	TURHAN JORDAN, Canisius	Sr.
RB	KELVIN JOHNSON, St. Peter's	Soph.

#### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
DL	VIN SANTELIA, Iona	Sr.
DL	RAY LAMBRIGHT, St. John's	Sr.
DL	JOHN CALANDROS, Iona	Jr.
DL	JOE JARJURA, Marist	Jr.
LB	WILLIAM BRYANT, St. Peter's	Jr.
LB	WALTER DeFOREST, St. John's	Sr.
LB	KEN SMITH, Duquesne	Sr.
DB	STEVE DeAMICIS, St. John's	Soph.
DB	JOE EACOBACCI, Georgetown	Jr.
DB	KEN FORTE, St. John's	Soph.
DB	MALIK WOODARD, Marist	Soph.

#### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Class
PK	ANTHONY GUMA, St. Peter's	Sr.
P	JOE PISCATELLA, Georgetown	Sr.
KR	KELVIN JOHNSON, St. Peter's	Soph.

### PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



#### OFFENSE:

**TOM PROUDIAN**  
QB, Iona



#### DEFENSE:

**VIN SANTELIA**  
E, Iona



# METRO ATLANTIC ATHLETIC TEAM CHARTS

## CANISIUS

**Coach:** Barry Mynter (8-11-1, 2 years; 83-89-3 overall, 18 years).  
**1993 record:** 5-5. MAAC: 4-1/2nd.  
**Top players:** Chris Carlson, SS; Brandon Crotty, LB; Mike Duffy, NG; Chris Edwards, OT; CJ Hurrell, LB; Turhan Jordan, RB; Mark Kolbe, WR; Ben Kucia, QB; Chris Moyer, OG; Jon Sanfratello, C.

**Strengths:** With the return of offensive linemen Sanfratello, Moyer and Edwards, Jordan appears to be a shoe-in for a 1,000-yard rushing season and All-MAAC honors. Kolbe is a talented wideout, while Crotty and Hurrell form a talented linebacking duo.

**Weaknesses:** Kucia completed just 42.1 percent of his passes last year. He must throw well to keep opposing defenses honest. The graduation of Dave Fraterro, who led the I-AA ranks in kickoff returns (37.3-yard average) last year, leaves a huge void.

**Outlook:** The Golden Griffins were the MAAC's hottest team at the end of last season, winning five straight games after a 0-5 start. Mynter's club has enough returnees to make a run at the MAAC title.

**Schedule:** At Mercyhurst (Pa.), Sept. 10; Buffalo State, Sept. 17; Siena, Sept. 24; at Georgetown, Oct. 1; at Gannon (Pa.), Oct. 8; St. John's, Oct. 15; at Marist, Oct. 22; St. Peter's, Oct. 29; at Iona, Nov. 5; Duquesne, Nov. 12.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Golden Griffins.

**Site:** Buffalo, N.Y.

## DUQUESNE

**Coach:** Greg Gattuso (4-6, 1 year).

**1993 record:** 4-6 as I-AA independent.

**Top players:** Damon Barry, DB; Todd Cwynar, TE; Paul Duffy, LB; Bill Green, TB; Tim Gribble, FB; Mauro Monz, DB; Mark Neely, WR; Ken Smith, LB; Brian Staines, QB; John Wojciechowski, DT.

**Strengths:** The Dukes, one of two new kids on the block in the MAAC this season, welcome back a number of familiar faces—11 starters on defense, nine on offense. The veteran defense should pack a wallop, thanks to the return of linebackers Duffy and Smith, who each made 112 tackles in '93.

**Weaknesses:** Duquesne lacks a proven running back, now that workhorse Mike Haines and his 2,588 career yards are gone. Green, who ran for 274 yards last year, will attempt to fill that void. Staines must improve his completion accuracy (48.1 percent) and touchdowns-to-interceptions ratio (11-11).

**Outlook:** The mystery team of the MAAC, Duquesne has a slew of returnees. If the Dukes develop a ground game, watch out.

**Schedule:** St. Francis (Pa.), Sept. 10; Georgetown, Sept. 17; at St. Peter's, Sept. 24; Gannon (Pa.), Oct. 1; at Robert Morris, Oct. 8; Marist, Oct. 15; at Siena, Oct. 22; Iona, Oct. 29; at St. John's, Nov. 5; at Canisius, Nov. 12.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Dukes.

**Site:** Pittsburgh.

## GEORGETOWN

**Coach:** Bob Benson (4-5, 1 year).

**1993 record:** 4-5. MAAC: 2-3/4th.

**Top players:** Steve Colello, C; Derek deBakker, OL; Joe Eacobacci, DB; Brendan Gaughan, K; Murray Happer, OT; Jim Klesel, DT; Enrico Mariani, DL; Joe Piscatella, P; Bill Ring, QB; Tom Wonica, LB.

**Strengths:** The Hoyas ranked ninth in the nation in scoring defense (15.1 points per game) in 1993 and welcome back their top three tacklers. The offensive line, led by All-MAAC tackle Happer, should be strong. Georgetown features the league's best kicking game, thanks to the return of punter Piscatella and place-kicker Gaughan.

**Weaknesses:** Georgetown's top three rushers from 1993 have graduated. The Hoyas are an inexperienced lot with just 11 seniors on their squad, including only four who saw significant playing time as juniors last season.

**Outlook:** The Hoyas' defense will keep them in games. However, Georgetown's offensive playmakers are very young. Add it all up and it looks like a sixth- or seventh-place finish.

**Schedule:** At Duquesne, Sept. 17; Iona, Sept. 24; Canisius, Oct. 1; at St. John's, Oct. 8; at Franklin & Marshall (Pa.), Oct. 15; Johns Hopkins (Md.), Oct. 22; Marist, Oct. 29; at Siena, Nov. 5; St. Peter's, Nov. 12.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Hoyas.

**Site:** Washington, D.C.

## IONA

**Coach:** Harold Crocker (42-47-1, 9 years).

**1993 record:** 9-1. MAAC: 5-0/1st.

**Top players:** Angelo Brown, FS; John Calandros, DT; Billy DeVito, RB; Louis Gasparre, WR; Emory Moody, OT; Anthony Porcaro, WR; Tom Proudian, QB; Vin Santelia, DE; Tim Silo, WR; Louis Vesce, OL.

**Strengths:** Iona has a Gael-force passing attack that ranked second in the nation (348.1 yards per game) last year. Proudian, who broke 10 school passing and offensive records in 1993, is back to engineer Iona's high-octane, run-and-shoot offense. His return, along with that of running back DeVito and trusty wide receivers Silo and Porcaro, should once again enable Iona to field one of the most potent offenses in I-AA.

**Weaknesses:** While defensive end Santelia is a star, Crocker must fill some holes at linebacker, where a pair of All-MAAC performers, Tom Oakes and Mike Corcoran, have graduated.

**Outlook:** Winning back-to-back titles won't be a breeze for the Gaels. However, until someone devises a scheme to slow down Crocker's run-and-shoot, Iona has to be considered the team to beat.

**Schedule:** At Marist, Sept. 17; at Georgetown, Sept. 24; Siena, Oct. 1; at Pace (N.Y.), Oct. 8; St. Peter's, Oct. 15; Wagner, Oct. 22; at Duquesne, Oct. 29; Canisius, Nov. 5; St. John's, Nov. 12.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Gaels.

**Site:** New Rochelle, N.Y.

## MARIST

**Coach:** Jim Parady (9-10-1, 2 years).

**1993 record:** 5-5 as I-AA independent.

**Top players:** Kyle Carraro, RB; Chris D'Autorio, WR/KR; Pete Ford, QB; Roger Hancock, LB; Bruce Harris, CB/KR; Joe Jarjura, DT; Matt McDonald, RB; Kevin McGuinness, OT; Bryan Oles, SS; Jeff Saccomanno, NG; Malik Woodard, FS.

**Strengths:** The Red Foxes should have a dynamite secondary, led by standout free safety Woodard. The defensive line, paced by Jarjura and Saccomanno, also appears solid. Harris is a good return man and Carraro will anchor the offense.

**Weaknesses:** Marist's quarterbacks completed only 39.2 percent of their passes with 13 interceptions and just eight touchdown tosses in 1993.

**Outlook:** The Red Foxes are official first-year members of the MAAC. However, they played four league teams last season and were a respectable 2-2. Marist easily could finish high in the standings, if it has a decent offense.

**Schedule:** Central Connecticut State, Sept. 10; Iona, Sept. 17; at Wagner, Sept. 24; St. John's, Oct. 1; at St. Peter's, Oct. 8; at Duquesne, Oct. 15; Canisius, Oct. 22; at Georgetown, Oct. 29; St. Francis (Pa.), Nov. 5; at Siena, Nov. 12.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Red Foxes.

**Site:** Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

## ST. JOHN'S

**Coach:** Bob Ricca (100-62-1, 16 years).

**1993 record:** 8-3. MAAC: 3-2/3rd.

**Top players:** John Anitra, RB; Steve Campillay, OT; Chris Carew, LB; Steve DeAmicis, SS; Walter DeForest, LB; Ken Forte, DB; Tom Kleine, QB; Ray Lambright, DE; Tom MacPherson, WR; John O'Leary, WR; Dan Parker, TE; Marc Winkler, OT.

**Strengths:** Ricca will have a stingy defensive unit with eight starters back. The best of the lot are linebackers DeForest (116 tackles in '93) and Carew (76 tackles), along with strong safety DeAmicis (three interceptions, 61 tackles).

**Weaknesses:** The Redmen are green at the skill positions. Tailback Anthony Russo, who finished his career as the third all-time leading rusher (5,834) in college football annals, and quarterback Sean Sharkey, who threw for 1,757 yards and 18 touchdowns last year, have graduated.

**Outlook:** An overpowering defense coupled with a chock-full-of-questions offense spells a middle-of-the-pack MAAC finish for St. John's.

**Schedule:** At Sacred Heart (Conn.), Sept. 10; Monmouth, Sept. 24; at Marist, Oct. 1; Georgetown, Oct. 8; at Canisius, Oct. 15; at St. Peter's, Oct. 22; Siena, Oct. 29; Duquesne, Nov. 5; at Iona, Nov. 12; Pace (N.Y.), Nov. 24.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Redmen.

**Site:** Jamaica, N.Y.

## ST. PETER'S

**Coach:** Mark Collins (first year).

**1993 record:** 3-7. MAAC: 1-4/5th.

**Top players:** William Bryant, LB; Ed Corbliss, C; Carlos Dias, OL; Anthony Guma, QB/K; Kelvin Johnson, RB/KR; Ray Marshall, WR/KR; Matt Nieder, LB; Dan Roman, DL; Eli Roman, DL; Donny Russo, RB; Joe Segarra, OG; Wayne Virgil, RB.

**Strengths:** The Peacocks have the makings of one of the league's top offenses. Due to injuries, Johnson moved from wide receiver to running back last season and enjoyed a brilliant freshman year, finishing in the top 14 in I-AA in scoring (8.9 points per game) and all-purpose yards (156.3 yards per game). Guma returns for his senior year after throwing for 1,502 yards and 11 touchdowns in '93. Marshall led I-AA in punt returns (17.1-yard average) last season.

**Weaknesses:** Picked to finish second in the MAAC a year ago, the Peacocks ended up in fifth place. Most of their losses were a result of fourth-quarter collapses. Depth could be a problem.

**Outlook:** St. Peter's has the talent to make a run at the league title. Collins, previously the defensive coordinator at Wagner, must help the players develop a killer instinct late in games.

**Schedule:** Siena, Sept. 17; Duquesne, Sept. 24; Central Connecticut State, Oct. 1; Marist, Oct. 8; at Iona, Oct. 15; St. John's, Oct. 22; at Canisius, Oct. 29; at Wagner, Nov. 5; at Georgetown, Nov. 12.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Peacocks.

**Site:** Jersey City, N.J.

## SIENA

**Coach:** Jack DuBois (47-69, 12 years).

**1993 record:** 0-10. MAAC: 0-5/6th.

**Top players:** Tom Cartnick, DT; Dave Commander, OT; Jason Ellis, LB; David Fryer, WR; Scott Hartman, LB; Paul Marro, LB; Parker Phinney, RB; Rich Rzeszutowski, OT; T.J. Sabotka, S; Jeff Sawulski, RB.

**Strengths:** Sawulski, who ran for 785 yards as a freshman last year, has a bright future. He'll work behind an experienced line. The defense returns eight starters, including standouts Cartnick and Sabotka.

**Weaknesses:** The Saints, winless in 1993, are entering just their seventh year of varsity football and still are struggling to field a competitive team. Last season, the defense allowed 428.8 yards and 36.5 points per game. And the offense scored just 9.1 points per contest. Enough said.

**Outlook:** Siena will dwell in the cellar for a second straight year.

**Schedule:** At St. Peter's, Sept. 17; at Canisius, Sept. 24; at Iona, Oct. 1; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (N.Y.), Oct. 8; Bentley (Mass.), Oct. 15; Duquesne, Oct. 22; at St. John's, Oct. 29; Georgetown, Nov. 5; Marist, Nov. 12.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Saints.

**Site:** Loudonville, N.Y.

Text by Bill Doherty.



Canisius guard Chris Moyer.



# Like the great Bulldog defenders of the past, Cook has lots of bite

By NEIL WHITE

The State

Last January, former All-Pro linebacker Harry Carson attended the Heritage Bowl in the Georgia Dome to watch South Carolina State play Southern.

Carson, who starred for South Carolina State in the early 1970s, was eager to see his alma mater play. But he really wanted to watch South Carolina State defensive end Anthony Cook, the man who broke his single-season school sack record. Carson set the mark of 17 in 1975. Cook had 17½ entering the Heritage Bowl, the showcase finale of the black college football season.

"He asked me before the game if I was sure I broke the record or did they give me sacks," Cook said. "By the end of the game, he had changed his mind. He said he could accept it after seeing me play."

The 6-foot-4, 275-pound Cook ended the game, an 11-0 loss in which Southern's only touchdown was scored by its defense, with 3½ sacks to finish the season with 21.

As Cook enters his senior year, it's NFL scouts who want to see if he's for real. At least the scouts will know the way to Orangeburg, S.C.

From Deacon Jones to Donnie Shell to Carson to Robert Porcher, the Bulldogs have a reputation for producing great defenders. But even before last season, South Carolina State Coach Willie Jeffries was touting Cook as the next great Bulldog defender. And Cook did nothing to disappoint.

"He decided he was going to be a great player and do the things needed to be one," Jeffries said. "He really lived up to expectations."

Cook, who sat out the 1991 season with a knee injury, always had the potential, something Jeffries saw when he moved Cook from noseguard to end to take advantage of his pass-rushing skills. Cook just needed to push himself like fellow defensive end Porcher, who played with Cook and was a first-round draft choice of the Detroit Lions in 1992.

Yet, it's amazing Cook played as well as he did last season. In May 1993, his father suffered a stroke and went into a coma for a month. Cook spent much of his time that summer in his native Bennettsville, S.C., going between the hospital, his two jobs that helped support the family and the weight room at his former

high school.

He didn't come close to entering the season in the kind of condition he wanted. But he was determined to play hard, trying to win the school honor as defensive player of the game each week not only as a tribute to his father but also as a signal to his father not to worry about him. As the season progressed, the sack record proved to be even more motivation.

"When we went into the last couple of games, I got a little more intense," Cook said.

Cook wants to kick his game into a higher gear this season. Jeffries noted how Cook carried his intensity over into spring practice this year. He stayed in Orangeburg over the summer to ensure he'll be in the best possible condition when this season starts. This time, he'll be playing for the memory of his father, who died in January after another stroke.

"I feel I can dedicate this upcoming year to him," Cook said.

Cook's approach has drawn plenty of respect.

"He's a pretty quiet guy, a classy young man," defensive-line coach George Wheeler said. "You never hear a word out of him when he's doing the things he's supposed to be doing. The loudest he gets is when he makes a tackle. And sometimes that gets pretty loud."

Cook, a Division I-AA second-team All-America in '93, will have to make a lot of noise for the Bulldogs, who lost nine defensive starters off an 8-4 team, including linebacker Joe Montford, the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference's Defensive Player of the Year.

"There's going to be some pressure on him, but he's got to live with that," Jeffries said. "I've been watching him. He's already been showing a great deal of leadership."

Cook will have a lot of eyes on him, and not just those of the South Carolina State coaches, fans, MEAC offensive coordinators and pro scouts. He'll also be watched by the legendary Bulldog defenders who came before him. But he's fully prepared to follow in their footsteps.

"It's a privilege to be compared to those guys and the level they played," Cook said. "They paved the way to their success, and now I'm in a position to pave the way for my success."

One day, he might even return to Orangeburg to see who's going to break his sack record. ♦



South Carolina State's Anthony Cook excels at sacking quarterbacks. Last year, he bagged 21 signal-callers.

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### ALL-MEAC TEAM

#### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
WR	JAMES CUNNINGHAM, Howard	Sr.
WR	MORRIS NOBLE, Bethune-Cookman	Sr.
TE	GEORGE TERRELL, Florida A&M	Sr.
T	ROBERT BELL, Howard	Jr.
T	KEITH JARVIS, Delaware State	Jr.
C	DARYL HALL, Howard	Sr.
G	LEON SKILLENS, Florida A&M	Sr.
G	AL SHEIL, South Carolina State	Sr.
QB	MASEO BOLIN, North Carolina A&T	Jr.
RB	MICHAEL HICKS, South Carolina State	Jr.
RB	PHIL ANDERSON, Delaware State	Sr.

#### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
DL	ANTHONY COOK, South Carolina State	Sr.
DL	UHURU HAMITER, Delaware State	Sr.
DL	ROD WILLIAMS, Florida A&M	Jr.
LB	LLOYD BADSON, Delaware State	Jr.
LB	JOSE WHITE, Howard	Sr.
LB	EARL HOLMES, Florida A&M	Jr.
LB	BRUCE DANIELS, Florida A&M	Sr.
DB	ANTHONY FREEMAN, Morgan State	Soph.
DB	KEN RILEY, Florida A&M	Sr.
DB	KEINO TAYLOR, Florida A&M	Sr.
DB	WILLIE OGLESBY, Bethune-Cookman	Soph.

#### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Class
PK	MATT YOUNG, South Carolina State	Sr.
P	CHUCK POPLOS, Delaware State	Sr.
KR	FREDDIE SOLOMON, South Carolina State	Sr.

### PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



#### OFFENSE:

**MICHAEL HICKS**  
RB, South Carolina State



#### DEFENSE:

**ANTHONY COOK**  
E, South Carolina State



# MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC TEAM CHARTS

## BETHUNE-COOKMAN

**Coach:** Jack (Cy) McClair (61-37-3, 12 years).  
**1993 record:** 1-10. MEAC: 0-6/7th.

**Top players:** Devon Cole, TE; John Cutter, OL; Terrance Ellis, DE; Tony Hines, OT; John Jones, WR; Reggie Mays, K; Morris Noble, WR; Willie Oglesby, S; Willie Smith, LB; Tyrone Sneed, KR; Michael Womack, LB.

**Strengths:** Oglesby and Smith should key a solid defense, a necessity in a high-scoring conference. Good receivers should help the offense score some points.

**Weaknesses:** Where to begin? Bethune-Cookman is looking for a proven quarterback, and the Wildcats could use help at defensive line, linebacker and running back.

**Outlook:** Bethune-Cookman's struggles continued last season, and it looks like there's no end in sight—at least not this season. There is some talent present, but the intangibles that go with winning aren't. It'll be interesting to see if McClair can bring some stability to the program in the short term.

**Schedule:** Johnson C. Smith (N.C.), Sept. 3; at Morgan State, Sept. 10; at Central Florida, Sept. 17; North Carolina Central, Sept. 24; Delaware State, Oct. 1; at Howard, Oct. 8; at South Carolina State, Oct. 15; Albany (Ga.) State, Oct. 22; at North Carolina A&T, Oct. 29; Knoxville (Tenn.), Nov. 5; Florida A&M (at Tampa, Fla.), Nov. 26.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Wildcats.

**Site:** Daytona Beach, Fla.

## DELAWARE STATE

**Coach:** William Collick (65-31, 9 years).  
**1993 record:** 6-5. MEAC: 4-2/T2nd.

**Top players:** Tanik Abul-Qasim, LB; Phil Anderson, RB; Lloyd Badson, LB; Lewis Coleman, SE; Uhuru Hamiter, DT; MacAdoo Harrison-Dixon, QB; Keith Jarvis, OT; Jon Jensen, K; Derrick Neal, SE; Chuck Poplos, P.

**Strengths:** The Hornets return their nucleus, including 15 starters. Delaware State's potent wing-T offense will be cranked up again, featuring Anderson running behind a big, strong offensive line anchored by Jarvis.

**Weaknesses:** A defense led by Hamiter and Badson must be better than the one that ranked 102nd out of 115 I-AA schools in scoring defense (32.0 points per game) in '93. Also, Collick has real concerns about special-teams play.

**Outlook:** Delaware State has the talent to make a run at the conference title. The difference between winning and losing down the stretch could hinge on whether Collick's troops find some leadership to go with their talent.

**Schedule:** Cheyney (Pa.), Sept. 3; Youngstown State, Sept. 10; Towson State (at Wilmington, Del.), Sept. 17; at Bethune-Cookman, Oct. 1; at Liberty, Oct. 8; Florida A&M, Oct. 15; at Morgan State, Oct. 22; South Carolina State, Oct. 29; North Carolina A&T, Nov. 5; at Rhode Island, Nov. 12; at Howard, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Hornets.

**Site:** Dover, Del.

## FLORIDA A&M

**Coach:** William (Billy) Joe (first year).  
**1993 record:** 5-6. MEAC: 3-3/T4th.

**Top players:** Jamie Brown, OT; Bruce Daniels, LB; Art Hightower, FS; Earl Holmes, LB; Ken Riley, CB; Sha-mell Simpkins, RB; Leon Skillens, OG; Keino Taylor, CB; George Terrell, TE; Rod Williams, DE; Robert Wilson, WR.

**Strengths:** The Rattlers brought in a successful coach in Joe, who should give the program a shot in the arm. The former coach at Cheyney (Pa.) and Central State (O.) inherits one of the conference's best defenses, which features five legitimate All-MEAC candidates.

**Weaknesses:** Joe might have to send out a search posse for his offense, the only one in the conference that didn't score at least 20 points per game last season. If Florida A&M's offense doesn't pick it up in '94, the defense may have to be flawless.

**Outlook:** A coach with Joe's track record is hard to discount, and it's not a stretch to believe he can have this team in the hunt for the MEAC title in what should be a wide-open race.

**Schedule:** Tuskegee (Ala.), Sept. 3; at Jackson State, Sept. 17; Howard, Sept. 24; at Tennessee State, Oct. 1; North Carolina A&T, Oct. 8; at Delaware State, Oct. 15; South Carolina State (at Orlando, Fla.), Oct. 22; Morgan State, Oct. 29; at Southern, Nov. 5; Grambling State (at Miami), Nov. 12; Bethune-Cookman (at Tampa, Fla.), Nov. 26.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1978.

**Nickname:** Rattlers.  
**Site:** Tallahassee, Fla.

## HOWARD

**Coach:** Steve Wilson (34-22, 5 years).

**1993 record:** 11-1 (including 0-1 in I-AA playoffs). MEAC: 6-0/1st.

**Top players:** Robert Bell, OT; David Carrington, LB; Marc Christie, LB; James Cunningham, WR/KR; Rupert Grant, FB; Daryl Hall, C; Germaine Kohn, WR/PR; Anthony Richards, DE; Mike Sanders, DT; Jose White, LB/DE.

**Strengths:** The mammoth Bell heads an offensive line that needs to give only the smallest openings to skill players like Grant and Cunningham. White and the rest of a good front seven will give opposing offenses problems.

**Weaknesses:** Who is going to replace departed quarterback Jay Walker, who directed an offense that ranked fourth in the nation in scoring offense (38.5 points per game) last season? Also, there's a lack of depth on the offensive line and the secondary is inexperienced.

**Outlook:** Wilson has advanced the program to the point where it's a matter of reloading, not rebuilding. Expect Howard to repeat as MEAC champion.

**Schedule:** Mississippi Valley State (at St. Louis), Sept. 3; Hampton (Va.), Sept. 10; at Florida A&M, Sept. 24; Towson State, Oct. 1; Bethune-Cookman, Oct. 8; at North Carolina Central, Oct. 15; North Carolina A&T, Oct. 22; at Morehouse (Ga.), Oct. 29; at South Carolina State, Nov. 5; Morgan State, Nov. 12; Delaware State, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1993.

**Nickname:** Bison.

**Site:** Washington, D.C.

## MORGAN STATE

**Coach:** Ricky Diggs (6-27, 3 years).

**1993 record:** 3-8. MEAC: 1-5/6th.

**Top players:** Raynon Barrier, OG; Monjah Brown, DT; Donte Carter, WR; Otis Covington, WR; Anthony Freeman, S; Shane Griffith, K; Eric Johnson, CB; Greg Lomax, LB; Marcus Moore, OG; Michael Moore, QB.

**Strengths:** The entire offensive line returns, and Carter leads a receiving corps that's always a key feature of the Bears' wide-open attack. Also, the secondary is extremely good. Unfortunately, it'll have to be.

**Weaknesses:** Can the defensive line and linebackers do any better than the group that ranked last in Division I-AA in scoring defense (45.1 points per game) and total defense (519.2 yards per game) last season? If they don't, not much else matters.

**Outlook:** Diggs' team is showing some improvement, but it may not be enough. It's going to take a quantum leap in improvement for Morgan State to make any impact in the MEAC this season.

**Schedule:** Bethune-Cookman, Sept. 10; Knoxville (Tenn.), Sept. 24; at Charleston Southern, Oct. 1; at South Carolina State, Oct. 8; at North Carolina A&T, Oct. 15; Delaware State, Oct. 22; at Florida A&M, Oct. 29; Samford, Nov. 5; at Howard, Nov. 12; at Towson State, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Bears.

**Site:** Baltimore.

## NORTH CAROLINA A&T

**Coach:** Bill Hayes (42-26, 6 years; 131-66 overall, 18 years).

**1993 record:** 8-3. MEAC: 3-3/T4th.

**Top players:** Dale Adair, DB; Carlos Baldwin, TE; Masco Bolin, QB; Curtis Burgins, DB; Dion Caldwell, DB; Michael Hamilton, LB; Lamont Jones, OG; Larry King, FB; Rod McDougald, LB; Jamaine Stephens, OT.

**Strengths:** Hayes seems to find ways to win even when things don't appear promising. For it to happen this year, Bolin will have to enjoy an all-conference season. The "Blue Death Defense" will be buoyed by a strong linebacking corps and secondary.

**Weaknesses:** The Aggies lost virtually

their entire offensive line. North Carolina A&T also must replace its top running backs and receivers. If points are scarce, that will put a little too much pressure on the defense in a high-scoring league. The schedule is tough.

**Outlook:** A conference title doesn't look to be in the cards, but any team that overlooks North Carolina A&T could be in for a surprise.

**Schedule:** at North Carolina Central, Sept. 3; Winston-Salem (N.C.) State, Sept. 10; at Appalachian State, Sept. 17; Jacksonville (Ala.) State, Sept. 24; Southern (at Indianapolis), Oct. 1; at Florida A&M, Oct. 8; Morgan State, Oct. 15; at Howard, Oct. 22; Bethune-Cookman, Oct. 29; at Delaware State, Nov. 5; South Carolina State, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1992.

**Nickname:** Aggies.

**Site:** Greensboro, N.C.

## SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

**Coach:** Willie Jeffries (81-37-4, 11 years; 132-92-6 overall, 20 years).

**1993 record:** 8-4. MEAC: 4-2/T2nd.

**Top players:** Anthony Cook, DE; Alford Ford, TE; Soph; Michael Hicks, RB; Marvin Marshall, QB; Al Sheil, OG; Freddie Solomon, WR/KR; Macey Stephens, DB; Russell Thomas, QB; Gene Washington, DL; Matt Young, K.

**Strengths:** Hicks and Cook are the best players at their respective positions in the conference. Hicks led the MEAC in rushing last year, despite not starting the first four games. Cook is a sack machine.

**Weaknesses:** The defense, a traditional Jeffries strong suit, must replace eight starters, which could mean trouble early in the season. And some key losses on the offensive line could spell trouble for Hicks and Marshall.

**Outlook:** The program is moving back in the direction where Jeffries had it during his first tenure (1973-78) in Orangeburg. If the defense develops quickly, the Bulldogs can be as good as anyone in the conference.

**Schedule:** Winston-Salem (N.C.) State, Sept. 3; at Furman, Sept. 10; at Charleston Southern, Sept. 17; Tennessee State (at Atlanta), Sept. 24; Jackson State (at Columbia, S.C.), Oct. 1; Morgan State, Oct. 8; Bethune-Cookman, Oct. 15; Florida A&M (at Orlando, Fla.), Oct. 22; at Delaware State, Oct. 29; Howard, Nov. 5; at North Carolina A&T, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1982.

**Nickname:** Bulldogs.

**Site:** Orangeburg, S.C.

*Text by Neil White.*



Delaware State running back Phil Anderson.



# Everything adds up to success for Middle Tennessee's Bayless

By TOM WOOD

Tennessean

The popular perception of an accountant is that of a scrawny, non-athletic nerd whose knowledge of football is limited at best.

That description certainly doesn't fit Kippy Bayless, a 5-foot-8, 185-pound bundle of energy and the latest in a long line of terrific tailbacks to come down the pike at Middle Tennessee State.

An accounting major from Knoxville, Tenn., Bayless racked up some great numbers last season—1,214 yards and a school-record 15 rushing touchdowns. Both figures led the tailback-oriented Ohio Valley Conference. Bayless will be a sure-fire National Football League prospect if he puts together a comparable season in 1994.

"I've always liked working with numbers," Bayless said. "I've always had a knack for it. (Accounting) ought to help a great deal if I get a shot at the pros."

Bayless' 1993 performance earned him Offensive Player of the Year honors in the Ohio Valley, but his success was hardly unexpected. He ran for 533 yards as the Blue Raiders' No. 3 tailback behind Walter Dunson and Brigham Lyons in 1992.

"We've always known what Kippy can do," Middle Tennessee Coach Boots Donnelly said. "He's a good player, a very intelligent player, a very pleasant personality."

"Kippy Bayless knows exactly where Kippy Bayless wants to go. Academically, he knows. Athletically, he knows. I doubt if you'll find any person who knows Kippy that has ever

said a disparaging word against him."

Bayless is the latest speedster in a program that has had a tailback run for at least 900 yards in 11 of the last 12 seasons. That history is one reason why Bayless chose to attend the Murfreesboro, Tenn., school.

"They (the Blue Raiders) have a great tradition of running the ball, and in my heart, the way I work, I know I'm a good player," he said. "I knew my time was going to come."

Donnelly said Bayless differs a bit from other great Blue Raider tailbacks like Joe Campbell, Dwight Stone, Vince Hall, Gerald Anderson and Dunson.

"Our tailbacks in the past have always had overly quick feet or great speed," Donnelly said. "Kippy does not have outstanding quick feet nor speed. . . . He gets an awful lot of yards on his own. He breaks tackles; all good running backs break tackles. He catches well, blocks well and is compact. He is a very, very physical, tough, well-put-together running back."

Bayless has an admirable work ethic. According to Donnelly, Bayless practices as hard as he plays, so much so that the coaching staff has almost had to stop practice on occasion to let other players know that Bayless has made a mistake.

"He's got the gray matter between the ears," Donnelly said. "He understands the game and what defenses are trying to do to him and he sees things very well."

Although he's a senior, Bayless is quiet by nature and not an outspoken leader on the team. "I've always believed you lead by your actions, not by your mouth," he said. "If somebody sees me going at my fullest, hopefully it will make them go all out, too."

Bayless believes his biggest accomplishment thus far has been surviving—and thriving—at Middle Tennessee State.

"This program isn't for everybody," he said. "There are so many that come in and go right back out. If you hang with this program, it's going to make you a better person."

The Blue Raiders are coming off a 5-6 season, their first losing campaign since 1980. It was quite a shock to those involved, but Bayless is confident that it won't happen again.

"We're really focused to get the respect around the league that we deserve," said Bayless, who is keenly aware that the law of averages favors the Blue Raiders in '94.

After all, an accountant would know. ♦

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9. MOREHEAD STATE

### ALL-OHIO VALLEY TEAM

#### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
WR	LAWRENCE SEGREE, Tennessee State	Jr.
WR	DENNIS MIMMS, Middle Tennessee State	Sr.
TE	XAIVER SHEPARD, Murray State	Jr.
T	PAT HICKS, Middle Tennessee State	Sr.
T	JASON COMBS, Eastern Kentucky	Jr.
C	JOEL WOODS, Eastern Kentucky	Sr.
G	ROYCE MCGOWAN, Tennessee State	Jr.
G	CHRIS REID, Tennessee Tech	Jr.
QB	MIKE JONES, Tennessee Tech	Sr.
RB	KIPPY BAYLESS, Middle Tennessee State	Sr.
RB	WILLIE QUEEN, Tennessee Tech	Sr.

#### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
DL	BRIAN PANKEY, Tennessee Tech	Sr.
DL	DOUG BERG, Southeast Missouri State	Sr.
DL	CRAIG LONG, Tennessee Tech	Jr.
LB	CARLOS TIMMONS, Eastern Kentucky	Sr.
LB	ANTHONY HICKS, Middle Tenn. State	Jr.
LB	BRIAN SPANO, UT-Martin	Sr.
LB	THOMAS JACKSON, Tennessee State	Jr.
DB	CEDRIC DAVIS, Tennessee State	Sr.
DB	MICHAEL SWIFT, Austin Peay State	Jr.
DB	CHRIS GUYTON, Eastern Kentucky	Soph.
DB	DEWAYNE HARPER, Tennessee-Martin	Sr.

#### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Class
PK	GARTH PETRILLI, Middle Tenn. State	Sr.
P	RICHARD HOGAN, Austin Peay State	Sr.
KR	JON RILEY, Southeast Missouri State	Soph.

### PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



#### OFFENSE:

WILLIE QUEEN,  
RB, Tennessee Tech



#### DEFENSE:

CARLOS TIMMONS,  
LB, Eastern  
Kentucky



COURTESY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Kippy Bayless, the 1993 Ohio Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Year, believes his biggest accomplishment thus far has been surviving—and thriving—at Middle Tennessee State.



# OHIO VALLEY TEAM CHARTS

## AUSTIN PEAY STATE

**Coach:** Roy Gregory (9-24, 3 years).

**1993 record:** 1-10. OVC: 0-8/9th.

**Top players:** Jeff Gooch, LB; Richard Hogan, P; Jacob Luthardt, DL; Kirk Pointer, CB; David Stooksbury, QB; Michael Swift, FS; Daniel Williams, QB.

**Strengths:** The defense should be much improved with Gooch returning to linebacker after being forced to play quarterback a year ago. Swift is as quick as lightning at free safety, and overall team speed is improved.

**Weaknesses:** The wishbone offense was pretty one-dimensional in '93, and the passing game must be improved to take some of the heat off the rushing attack. Who will throw the ball? Good question. Most likely, it'll be Williams or Stooksbury.

**Outlook:** After a 0-8 record in the Ohio Valley last year, the only direction this team can go is up. Austin Peay is coming off an excellent recruiting campaign despite its atrocious 1993 season, and the Governors could make the biggest turnaround in the league.

**Schedule:** Kentucky Wesleyan, Sept. 1; at Western Kentucky, Sept. 17; Eastern Kentucky, Sept. 24; at Tennessee Tech, Oct. 1; Murray State, Oct. 8; at Tennessee State, Oct. 15; Morehead State, Oct. 22; at Southeast Missouri State, Oct. 29; Middle Tennessee State, Nov. 5; at Samford, Nov. 12; at UT-Martin, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Governors.

**Site:** Clarksville, Tenn.

## EASTERN KENTUCKY

**Coach:** Roy Kidd (247-88-8, 30 years).

**1993 record:** 8-3 (including 0-1 in I-AA playoffs). OVC: 8-0/1st.

**Top players:** Marc Collins, K; Jason Combs, OT; Greg Couch, QB; Chris Guyton, FS; James Hand, OG; John Sacca, QB (transfer/Penn State); Carlos Timmons, LB; Joel Woods, C.

**Strengths:** If it's what's up front that counts, then the Colonels have what it takes to defend their OVC championship. The entire first two units return on the offensive line, including All-OVC performers Woods, Hand and Combs. The defense also is solid with Timmons and Guyton.

**Weaknesses:** Eastern Kentucky will be breaking in a new tailback after losing a pair of 1,200-yard rushers. The top candidates have little experience.

**Outlook:** For the first time in many years, Kidd doesn't have a proven tailback. But with the kind of offensive line he has, he may not need one. An interesting battle shapes up at quarterback, where sophomore Couch tries to fend off Sacca, a transfer from Penn State.

**Schedule:** At Western Kentucky, Sept. 1; Samford, Sept. 10; at Youngstown State, Sept. 17; at Austin Peay State, Sept. 24; at Middle Tennessee State, Oct. 1; Tennessee State, Oct. 8; Murray State, Oct. 15; at Tennessee Tech, Oct. 22; at UT-Martin, Oct. 29; Southeast Missouri State, Nov. 5; Morehead State, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1993.

**Nickname:** Colonels.

**Site:** Richmond, Ky.

## MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

**Coach:** Boots Donnelly (110-64, 15 years; 124-71 overall, 17 years).

**1993 record:** 5-6. OVC: 4-4/T4th.

**Top players:** Kippy Bayless, TB; Anthony Hicks, LB; Pat Hicks, OT; Kelly Holcomb, QB; Danny Lawrence, OLB; Dennis Mims, SE; Garth Petrilli, K/P.

**Strengths:** A new attitude and an experienced offense should get the Blue Raiders back on track after their first losing season since 1980. Keying the offensive attack are seniors Bayless, Holcomb, Mims and Pat Hicks.

**Weaknesses:** A lack of consistency hurt the offense last season and the defense needs to be shored up, especially on the line and in the secondary.

**Outlook:** The subpar 1993 season was an aberration for a program that has otherwise been solid in Donnelly's 15 years as coach. The Blue Raiders should challenge for—and perhaps win—the OVC title once again.

**Schedule:** Tennessee State, Sept. 3; James Madison, Sept. 10; Murray State, Sept. 24; Eastern Kentucky, Oct. 1; UT-Martin, Oct. 8; Morehead State, Oct. 15; Southeast Missouri State, Oct. 22; Jacksonville (Ala.) State, Oct. 29; Austin Peay State, Nov. 5; Illinois State, Nov. 12; Tennessee Tech, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1992.

**Nickname:** Blue Raiders.

**Site:** Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## MOREHEAD STATE

**Coach:** Matt Ballard (first year; 35-25-1 overall, 6 years).

**1993 record:** 3-8. OVC: 2-6/T7th.

**Top players:** Stuart Cook, OG; Hector Diaz, CB; Todd Neace, OG; Derick Pinkney, SS; James Scott, CB; Mike Snell, C; Jerry Stevens, WR; Matt Venturino, WR; Ray Williams, WR.

**Strengths:** There aren't many. The secondary has three starters back—Scott, Diaz and Pinkney. The running backs are experienced. Neace is the top returning lineman and Stevens and Venturino are quality receivers.

**Weaknesses:** Just about everywhere, at every position. Both lines are thin and need a great deal of work. Depth is a problem at every position except running back.

**Outlook:** Bleak is the word. When Morehead State announced last winter that it likely will go to non-scholarship football by 1998, several players left the team. First-year coach Ballard has his work cut out for him.

**Schedule:** At Marshall, Sept. 3; East Tennessee State, Sept. 10; Tennessee State, Sept. 17; Tennessee Tech, Sept. 24; Southeast Missouri State, Oct. 1; at Middle Tennessee State, Oct. 15; at Austin Peay State, Oct. 22; Alabama-Birmingham, Oct. 29; Murray State, Nov. 5; at UT-Martin, Nov. 12; at Eastern Kentucky, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Eagles.

**Site:** Morehead, Ky.

## MURRAY STATE

**Coach:** Houston Nutt (4-7, 1 year).

**1993 record:** 4-7. OVC: 4-4/T4th.

**Top players:** Tim Foster, DT; Chad Gann, LB; Matt Hall, SE; Anthony Hutch, DE; Marcus Kimbrell, OG; Wayne McGowan, TB; Xavier Shephard, TE.

**Strengths:** After playing 23 freshmen (15 true freshmen) in 1993, the Racers certainly have more experience than they did a year ago. Shephard is among the best tight ends in the league, but who will get the ball to him?

**Weaknesses:** Despite the invaluable playing time the freshmen got last year, this is still an awfully young team. The offense is OK, but the defense needs to improve in every area.

**Outlook:** Last season, Nutt was able to double the Racers' victory total in his first year as coach. Murray State will be hard-pressed to win more than four games this season.

**Schedule:** At Eastern Illinois, Sept. 1; at Southeast Missouri State, Sept. 17; Middle Tennessee State, Sept. 24; UT-Martin, Oct. 1; at Austin Peay State, Oct. 8; at Eastern Kentucky, Oct. 15; Tennessee Tech, Oct. 29; at Morehead State, Nov. 5; Tennessee State, Nov. 12; Western Kentucky, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1986.

**Nickname:** Racers.

**Site:** Murray, Ky.

## SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE

**Coach:** John Mumford (15-28, 4 years).

**1993 record:** 3-8. OVC: 2-6/T7th.

**Top players:** Kelvin Anderson, RB; Doug Berg, DE; Brian Burton, LB; Shane Kennedy, QB; John Riley, WR; Dave Stunkenberg, C; Cordell Vaughan, LB.

**Strengths:** Anderson has rushed for more than 1,000 yards in each of his first two seasons. Kennedy and Riley help balance the offense with a passing game. Berg is one of the Ohio Valley's better pass rushers.

**Weaknesses:** The offensive line played poorly last year and the secondary also proved vulnerable. Huge improvement is needed in both areas.

**Outlook:** Southeast Missouri continues to make the tough transition to Division I-AA football.

**Schedule:** Kentucky State, Sept. 1; at Sam Houston State, Sept. 10; Murray State, Sept. 17; UT-Martin, Sept. 24; at Morehead State, Oct. 1; at Tennessee Tech, Oct. 8; at Southern Illinois, Oct. 15; Middle Tennessee State, Oct. 22; Austin Peay State, Oct. 29; at Eastern Kentucky, Nov. 5; at Hawaii, Nov. 12; at Tennessee State, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Indians.

**Site:** Cape Girardeau, Mo.

## UT-MARTIN

**Coach:** Don McLeary (39-51, 8 years; 49-59 overall, 10 years).

**1993 record:** 6-5. OVC: 5-3/3rd.

**Top players:** James Brown, CB; Randy Brown, RB; Ryan Bullington, DE; Dewayne Harper, FS; J.B. Norment, OT; Rob Senatore, DT; Brian Spano, LB.

**Strengths:** The Pacers have a solid defense built around Spano, Harper and Bullington. The offense should be capable regardless of who plays quarterback.

**Weaknesses:** The biggest holes are at wide receiver and running back. Depth in the secondary and on the offensive line is questionable, and a new punter and place-kicker are needed, too.

**Outlook:** An uncanny ability to capitalize on turnovers helped the Pacers finish third in the OVC last season. Winning the close ones will be the key for them in 1994.

**Schedule:** At Southern Illinois, Sept. 3; Lane (Tenn.), Sept. 17; at Southeast Missouri State, Sept. 24; at Murray State, Oct. 1; at Middle Tennessee State, Oct. 8; Tennessee Tech, Oct. 15; at Tennessee State, Oct. 22; Eastern Kentucky, Oct. 29; Charleston Southern, Nov. 5; Morehead State, Nov. 12; Austin Peay State, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Pacers.

**Site:** Martin, Tenn.

## TENNESSEE STATE

**Coach:** Bill Davis (4-7, 1 year; 106-56-2 overall, 15 years).

**1993 record:** 4-7. OVC: 4-4/T4th.

**Top players:** Cedric Davis, CB; Darron Davis, TB; Thomas Jackson, LB; Clarence Jones, WR; Royce McGowan, OG; Lawrence Segree, WR; Daryl Williams, QB.

**Strengths:** The skill positions are in tip-top shape with Williams, Segree, Jones and Darron Davis, who has a legitimate chance to become the first 1,000-yard rusher at Tennessee State, a traditional passing school. Jackson anchors the defense.

**Weaknesses:** Both fronts have to prove themselves under new line coaches. The secondary has some gaping holes, but Cedric Davis should provide some stability there.

**Outlook:** Three straight losing seasons haven't set well with the Big Blue faithful, but second-year Coach Bill Davis seems to have this program headed in the right direction.

**Schedule:** Middle Tennessee State, Sept. 3; Jackson State (at Memphis, Tenn.), Sept. 10; at Morehead State, Sept. 17; South Carolina State (at Atlanta), Sept. 24; Florida A&M, Oct. 1; at Eastern Kentucky, Oct. 8; Austin Peay State, Oct. 15; UT-Martin, Oct. 22; at Tennessee Tech, Nov. 5; at Murray State, Nov. 12; Southeast Missouri State, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1986.

**Nickname:** Tigers.

**Site:** Nashville, Tenn.

## TENNESSEE TECH

**Coach:** Jim Ragland (34-52, 8 years).

**1993 record:** 8-3. OVC: 7-1/2nd.

**Top players:** Steve Harris, WR; Mike Jones, QB; Craig Long, DT; Brian Pankey, DT; Michael Penix, RB; Willie Queen, RB; Chris Reid, OG; Tracy Russell, C.

**Strengths:** The offense features a terrific one-two punch at tailback in Queen and Penix and a strong-armed quarterback in Jones. The receiving corps is solid, and the offensive line, led by Reid, returns intact.

**Weaknesses:** There are holes on defense at linebacker, at end and in the secondary. A place-kicker with four years of experience also must be replaced.

**Outlook:** Tennessee Tech's only league loss of 1993 was by three points at Eastern Kentucky. This season, the Golden Eagles play host to the Colonels. If everything clicks the way it did last season, Tennessee Tech could capture its first outright OVC title since 1972.

**Schedule:** Lock Haven (Pa.), Sept. 3; at Marshall, Sept. 10; Samford, Sept. 17; at Morehead State, Sept. 24; Austin Peay State, Oct. 1; Southeast Missouri State, Oct. 8; at UT-Martin, Oct. 15; Eastern Kentucky, Oct. 22; at Murray State, Oct. 29; Tennessee State, Nov. 5; at Middle Tennessee State, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Golden Eagles.

**Site:** Cookeville, Tenn.

Text by Tom Wood.



# Only injuries, not a lack of speed, can slow Lafayette TB Marsh

By **BILL DOYLE**

Worcester Telegram & Gazette

**T**he knock against Erik Marsh, if there is one, is that he lacks burning speed. But the Lafayette tailback thinks it's a bad rap.

"I've got good speed," Marsh said. "I hope I can go out and prove people who have knocked my speed wrong."

Evidence backs his claim. Marsh has been hand-timed in the 40-yard dash in 4.4 seconds and electronically clocked in 4.6. No, speed doesn't seem to be a problem. But injuries have been.

Those who have knocked Marsh's speed haven't seen him run at full strength since his freshman year. The 6-foot, 205-pound senior co-captain ran for 779 yards as a rookie, then gained 1,365 as a sophomore despite playing the entire season with a case of turf toe that required him to wear a cast on the big toe of his right foot.

Last season, the injury bug bit Marsh again. Just before the Leopards' season opener, Marsh severely sprained his right ankle. But that didn't stop him from running for a school single-season record of 1,441 yards and averaging 131 yards per game, which ranked eighth among Division I-AA rushers. In the process, he became the Patriot League and school career rushing leader and was voted the league's Offensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive season. If Marsh ac-

complished all of that on a bad ankle, imagine how good he could be if he's healthy in 1994.

"He'll be scary," said Frank Tavani, Lafayette's offensive coordinator and running-backs coach. "I don't think teams want to see him at full speed."

"One of my goals is to try to stay healthy this season," said Marsh, who helped lead Lafayette to a 5-4-2 record and second-place finish in the Patriot League last year, "but injuries are something every football player goes through."

Leopard fans are happy he's going through them at their school. Marsh rejected scholarship offers from Illinois and a handful of I-AA schools to attend Lafayette, which doesn't offer scholarships. A major reason why he opted for Lafayette, located in Easton, Pa., was because its campus is fewer than 15 miles from his parents' home in Hellertown, Pa.

Also entering his decision to remain close to home was the fact his father had a less-than-ideal experience after attending a distant college. A Pennsylvania prep star, the elder Marsh left home to play for Purdue. But he injured an ankle, grew homesick and transferred to East Stroudsburg (Pa.) State.

"That played a big part in my decision," Marsh said. "I have no regrets whatsoever. I could have gotten lost in the shuffle at Illinois and never got a chance to show what I could do."

For a time, it looked as if Marsh wouldn't get a chance to show his wares in 1993. After Marsh suffered his ankle sprain, Tavani said the team doctor figured Marsh would miss the first three games. Marsh would have none of that. In an attempt to make the air cast that covered his right ankle less conspicuous, he wore extra socks and tape on his left ankle.

"I had trouble with the ankle the rest of the season," Marsh said. "The first three or four games were rough."

Somehow, he managed to gain 112 yards on 30 carries as the Leopards opened with a victory over Bucknell. But through the first four games of the season, Marsh had just 354 rushing yards. However, his daily ankle massages began to pay off.

Marsh gained 1,087 yards over the final seven contests, including 221 yards in a win over Holy Cross and 249 on only 25 carries in a season-ending loss to Lehigh that cost the Leopards the league title.

Indeed, Marsh gave Patriot League defenses fits last year. This season, Lafayette plans to exploit his talents by also using him as a receiver out of the backfield. Entering '94, Marsh has caught only 36 passes in 31 games.

"It's not that I can't catch," Marsh said. "It's just that it hasn't happened."

Marsh made plenty happen in high school. He ran for 4,421 yards at Bethlehem (Pa.) Catholic High School and needs to gain 836 yards this fall to match that number as a collegian. If he repeats his performance of a year ago, he'll surpass the 5,000-yard career mark.

"Coming in as a freshman," Marsh said, "I wouldn't have said I couldn't do it, but I'm proud of the fact I have a chance." ♦

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5. COLGATE
6. FORDHAM

### ALL-PATRIOT TEAM

#### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
WR	TOM NASH, Colgate	Sr.
WR	CALVIN HARGROVE, Fordham	Sr.
TE	MARK LaFEIR, Lehigh	Sr.
T	TOM CLARO, Holy Cross	Jr.
T	RAY POWERS, Lehigh	Sr.
C	MATT KUJOVSKY, Lafayette	Sr.
G	ED McGAHAN, Lehigh	Soph.
G	MIKE BOORMAN, Colgate	Sr.
QB	ANDY FITZPATRICK, Holy Cross	Jr.
RB	ERIK MARSH, Lafayette	Sr.
RB	RICH LEMON, Bucknell	Soph.

#### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
DL	HARRISON BAILEY, Lafayette	Sr.
DL	AARON TORGLER, Fordham	Sr.
DL	JOE KASZTEJNA, Colgate	Jr.
DL	TOM ROSSI, Colgate	Sr.
LB	RUSS STROHECKER, Bucknell	Sr.
LB	GREG AMON, Lehigh	Sr.
LB	ANDREW WELTY, Bucknell	Sr.
DB	MATT COPE, Lafayette	Jr.
DB	PAT SMITH, Holy Cross	Sr.
DB	CHRIS O'LEARY, Fordham	Jr.
DB	MARK MILLER, Bucknell	Jr.

#### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Class
PK	ANTHONY PIGNIO, Holy Cross	Sr.
P	TOM MORRELLI, Colgate	Jr.
KR	JARRETT SHINE, Lafayette	Jr.

### PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



#### OFFENSE:

**ERIK MARSH,**  
RB, Lafayette



#### DEFENSE:

**RUSS STROHECKER,**  
LB, Bucknell



COURTESY OF LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

Despite playing on a bad ankle last season, Erik Marsh became the Patriot League's all-time leading rusher.



# PATRIOT LEAGUE TEAM CHARTS

## BUCKNELL

**Coach:** Lou Maranzana (21-32, 5 years).

**1993 record:** 4-7. Patriot: 3-2/3rd.

**Top players:** Ed Frattarelli, OT; Mark Gentile, TE; Rob Glus, QB; Travis Kopp, QB; Rich Lemon, TB; Mark Miller, CB; Rich Miller, K; Gary Peatross, C; David Strickland, LB; Russ Strohecker, LB; Craig Svendsen, TB; Andrew Welty, LB.

**Strengths:** The entire starting backfield returns, including Lemon, the Patriot League's 1993 Rookie of the Year. Glus and Kopp are experienced senior quarterbacks. Strohecker heads a talented linebacking corps and Miller leads an experienced secondary.

**Weaknesses:** Only one starter returns on the defensive line. The Bison were successful on only one of 13 field-goal attempts last year, and they're counting on sophomore Rich Miller (1-for-7) to improve.

**Outlook:** The Bison return as much talent as they have in years. Last season ended with Bucknell six yards away from a touchdown that would have earned it a share of its first league crown. The Bison will be in the hunt again.

**Schedule:** Hofstra, Sept. 10; Southern Connecticut State, Sept. 17; at Harvard, Sept. 24; at Princeton, Oct. 1; Towson State, Oct. 8; Cornell, Oct. 15; at Lehigh, Oct. 22; Lafayette, Oct. 29; at Holy Cross, Nov. 5; Colgate, Nov. 12; Fordham, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Bison.

**Site:** Lewisburg, Pa.

## COLGATE

**Coach:** Ed Sweeney (3-7-1, 1 year; 59-30-4 overall, 9 years).

**1993 record:** 3-7-1. Patriot: 1-3-1/5th.

**Top players:** Mike Boorman, OG; Blair Hicks, LB; Joe Kaszlejna, DT; Steve Lueptow, OG; Joe Manhertz, DE; Tom Morelli, LB/P; Tom Nash, WR; Jon O'Flynn, TE; Tom Rossi, DE; Daymon Smith, TB; Chris Young, LB.

**Strengths:** The talented Smith has been switched from fullback to tailback to get more handoffs. Nash, who has good hands and is a strong runner in the open field, leads a superb receiving corps. The defense is solid up front with Rossi and Kaszlejna.

**Weaknesses:** The offensive line, linebacking corps and secondary must be rebuilt. The quarterback position is unsettled.

**Outlook:** The Red Raiders are talented but young. Of their 82 players, 52 are freshmen and sophomores. Dropping non-league games against Division I-A schools Army, Rutgers and Navy should improve Colgate's record and morale.

**Schedule:** Boston University, Sept. 10; Dartmouth, Sept. 17; at Princeton, Sept. 24; at Brown, Oct. 1; at Buffalo, Oct. 8; at Harvard, Oct. 15; Fordham, Oct. 22; at Lehigh, Oct. 29; Lafayette, Nov. 5; at Bucknell, Nov. 12; Holy Cross, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1983.

**Nickname:** Red Raiders.

**Site:** Hamilton, N.Y.

## FORDHAM

**Coach:** Nick Quartaro (first year; 12-8 overall, 2 years).

**1993 record:** 1-10. Patriot: 1-4/6th.

**Top players:** Calvin Hargrove, WR; Noah Melnick, OT; Joe Moorhead, QB; Scott Novak, OT; Chris O'Leary, DB; John Pohlman, QB; Won Kyu Rim, DB; Andre Robinson, RB; Chris Ross, RB; Jeff Rupp, DE; Aaron Torgler, DE.

**Strengths:** Ross is one of the league's better running backs and will be the key to new Coach Quartaro's one-back offense. The Rams have two quarterbacks, Moorhead and Pohlman, who have each started eight games. Moorhead has the better arm, Pohlman more agility. On defense, O'Leary and Torgler were second-team all-league selections in 1993.

**Weaknesses:** The offensive line graduated four starters. Quartaro's new offense has a three-receiver set, but Hargrove (27 catches last year) is the only returning wideout.

**Outlook:** Last year, Quartaro was associate head coach for a Kansas State team that won the Copper Bowl. He's certainly more gung-ho than his laid-back predecessor, Larry Glueck (who won only two league games in the last four years), and Quartaro put a premium on off-season weight training. Things will be different this fall.

**Schedule:** Villanova, Sept. 3; at Lehigh, Sept. 10; at Hofstra, Sept. 17; Cornell, Sept. 24; at Dartmouth, Oct. 1; Columbia, Oct. 8; Princeton, Oct. 15; at Colgate, Oct. 22; Holy Cross, Oct. 29; Lafayette, Nov. 12; at Bucknell, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Rams.

**Site:** Bronx, N.Y.

## HOLY CROSS

**Coach:** Peter Vaas (9-13, 2 years; 29-11-1 overall, 4 years).

**1993 record:** 3-8. Patriot: 2-3/4th.

**Top players:** Tom Claro, OT; A.C. Cravedi, FB; Andy Fitzpatrick, QB; Anthony Pignio, K; Toussaint Roberson, CB; Rob Sanchez, FB; J.T. Scott, LB; Pat Smith, FS; Shannon Splaine, WR; David Streeter, LB.

**Strengths:** Unlike a year ago, the offensive line is set with Claro leading the way. Streeter leads a talented but young linebacking crew. All-league place-kicker Pignio will likely handle the punting chores as well.

**Weaknesses:** Holy Cross rushed for only 1,083 yards as a team last year and will go with essentially the same group of runners. The Crusaders ranked next-to-last in Division I-AA in total defense and allowed their most points (326) since 1976.

**Outlook:** Holy Cross should be improved on offense and can't get any worse on defense. A lot depends on whether Fitzpatrick can make it back from knee surgery. He missed spring practice but was expected back in the fall. Freshmen and sophomores will have to play key roles for the Crusaders to contend.

**Schedule:** At Army, Sept. 10; Massachusetts, Sept. 17; at Yale, Sept. 24; Harvard, Oct. 1; at Pennsylvania, Oct. 8; at Brown, Oct. 15; at Lafayette, Oct. 22; at Fordham, Oct. 29; Bucknell, Nov. 5; Lehigh, Nov. 12; at Colgate, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Crusaders.

**Site:** Worcester, Mass.

## LAFAYETTE

**Coach:** Bill Russo (79-58-3, 13 years; 94-73-3 overall, 16 years).

**1993 record:** 5-4-2. Patriot: 3-1-1/2nd.

**Top players:** Harrison Bailey, DE; Kevin Conaboy, CB; Matt Cope, SS; Tramont Evans, SE; Kevin Kostas, P; Matt Kujovsky, C; Erik Marsh, TB; Shawn McHale, QB; Jason McLaughlin, K; Chris SanGiovanni, TE; Jarrett Shine, FL; Mike Talerico, QB.

**Strengths:** Marsh, already the league's top player, spent the spring trying to improve his speed. Evans and Shine could be the fastest pair of wideouts in the league. Bailey needs to match his nine sacks of a year ago to become the school's

all-time leader. The kicking game is solid.

**Weaknesses:** The Leopards graduated their top five linebackers and need to rebuild their offensive line as well.

**Outlook:** Lafayette should be the team to beat in the Patriot League. Much depends upon the quarterback position, where Talerico, a junior, enters the season as the starter. The team, however, is high on McHale, a sophomore who broke a foot last September playing with the junior varsity.

**Schedule:** East Stroudsburg (Pa.), Sept. 10; at Pennsylvania, Sept. 17; Hofstra, Sept. 24; at Columbia, Oct. 1; Dartmouth, Oct. 8; at Navy, Oct. 15; Holy Cross, Oct. 22; at Bucknell, Oct. 29; at Colgate, Nov. 5; at Fordham, Nov. 12; Lehigh, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Leopards.

**Site:** Easton, Pa.

## LEHIGH

**Coach:** Kevin Higgins (first year).

**1993 record:** 7-4. Patriot: 4-1/1st.

**Top players:** Greg Amon, LB; Bob Aylsworth, QB; Michael Blunt, CB; Mark LaFeir, TE; Sam Lawler, DT; Jason Mack, SS; Hector Martinez, CB; Jason Mastropiero, FB; Ed McGahan, OG; Mark Miller, FS; Greg Moore, DE; Ray Powers, OT; Raphael Stillings, TB.

**Strengths:** Stillings and Mastropiero form a solid one-two punch at running back. Aylsworth, a transfer who started four games at Tulane two years ago, has a strong arm.

**Weaknesses:** The wide receivers are inexperienced and much of the team's overall speed was lost via graduation.

**Outlook:** Hank Small resigned after coaching Lehigh to its first Patriot League title last year. Higgins, the Leopards' former defensive coordinator, hopes to improve the defense and the running game. If he does, the Engineers could be a factor in the league race.

**Schedule:** Fordham, Sept. 10; at Buffalo, Sept. 17; Columbia, Sept. 24; at Cornell, Oct. 1; at Yale, Oct. 8; at New Hampshire, Oct. 15; Bucknell, Oct. 22; Colgate, Oct. 29; Delaware, Nov. 5; at Holy Cross, Nov. 12; at Lafayette, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1980.

**Nickname:** Engineers.

**Site:** Bethlehem, Pa.

Text by Bill Doyle.



Lafayette place-kicker Jason McLaughlin.



# A beefed-up Hoag could cause giant problems for Aces' foes

By TOM COLLINS

Evansville Courier

Evansville tight end Hanz Hoag has bad news for opponents in the Pioneer Football League: He plans to be bigger, stronger and faster this season.

In 1993, Hoag led the league and ranked sixth in Division I-AA with 66 receptions for 778 yards and six touchdowns. For his efforts, he was named to the I-AA All-America team by the Associated Press and the Walter Camp Foundation.

The 6-foot-5 Hoag accomplished those feats working out of the Aces' pass-oriented offense. This season, the senior hopes to become the all-time leader in receptions among I-AA tight ends, and he thinks getting bigger will help him reach his goals.

Entering the 1994 campaign, Hoag, who weighed 210 pounds as a freshman and 220 as a sophomore, hopes to be 15 pounds heavier than the 235 pounds he played at in 1993. But Hoag wants the added girth to be 15 pounds of muscle, which is something he feels he can accomplish under the guidance of Evansville strength coach Jeff Sellers.

"It's a combination of body-building and power-lifting programs that I'll be doing six days a week," said Hoag, who helped the Aces to a 6-4 record last year. "He (Sellers) wants me down to about 6 percent body fat. I could weigh 270 if I wanted, but it would be hanging (over the belt) weight."

Hoag went through a weight-lifting craze as a sophomore, so much so that Sellers banned him from the weight room.

"He even passed the word that if anyone saw me lifting to tell him," Hoag said. "I was

overtraining."

Even if he was overtraining in the weight room, Hoag remained consistent on the field the last three seasons. He caught 58 passes as a freshman, 61 as a sophomore and broke Evansville's all-time receptions record during the seventh week of the 1993 season.

His 185 career receptions are the most by an NCAA Division III tight end. Since the Aces competed at the Division III level for two of Hoag's first three seasons on campus, his records are included in the Division III category. At the end of this season, all Evansville records will be listed in the I-AA category.

With that in mind, the I-AA record for career catches by a tight end is 245, set in the mid-1980s by Rhode Island's Brian Forster. Hoag will eclipse that mark if he achieves the goals he has set for 1994.

"I want to catch at least 70 passes, have 1,000 yards and 10 touchdowns," he said. "I want to show that non-scholarship players can achieve just as high goals as scholarship players."

Hoag is a quarterback's delight, possessing "soft" hands that cradle passes. Though he lacks great speed, Hoag has that rare instinct of knowing where defenders are when he runs a pass pattern.

"I can see the whole field, where the linebackers and defensive backs are playing me," said Hoag, who initially accepted a football scholarship to Indiana State after graduating from Castle High School (Newburgh, Ind.) but transferred to Evansville before his freshman season. "Defenses put their primary man on me, and that's a show of respect. But our passing offense is too complex for defenses to key on a single player."

Hoag, whose first name honors his German-born grandfather, has wanted to be a pass catcher, particularly a tight end, since the seventh grade. But the Indiana State coaching staff had other plans.

"The Indiana State coaches wanted to move me to defensive end," he said. "(Evansville offensive tackle) Aaron Mayes was a good friend of mine playing at UE, and liked what was happening with the program. I decided to transfer. It turned out to be a great decision. Evansville's program is really going in the right direction, and the All-America honors are great. But what they really show is respect for our whole team and coaching staff." ♦

## The Sporting News PREDICTIONS

### ORDER OF FINISH

1. DAYTON
2. DRAKE
3. BUTLER
4. SAN DIEGO
5. EVANSVILLE
6. VALPARAISO

### ALL-PIONEER TEAM

#### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
WR	BARRY ESPOSITO, Dayton	Sr.
WR	DOUG HOLOK, Valparaiso	Sr.
TE	HANZ HOAG, Evansville	Sr.
T	JOHN LYON, Valparaiso	Sr.
T	MATT TAYLOR, San Diego	Sr.
C	KIM McWILLIAMS, Evansville	Sr.
G	MIKE KLETT, Butler	Sr.
G	KEITH ROSSELL, Butler	Sr.
QB	ERIC FISH, Evansville	Jr.
RB	OZZIE YOUNG, Valparaiso	Jr.
RB	CORTEZ HULL, Drake	Jr.

#### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
DL	ELGIN REESE, Butler	Sr.
DL	KEVIN MILLER, Evansville	Sr.
DL	NICK HINKEBEIN, Dayton	Sr.
DL	CRAIG ORTWERTH, Drake	Sr.
LB	TIM LYNCH, San Diego	Sr.
LB	JEFF SEYMOUR, Valparaiso	Sr.
LB	MATT GARVIS, Drake	Jr.
DB	CAMERON McDANIEL, Butler	Sr.
DB	SHAYNE SNIDER, Valparaiso	Sr.
DB	JAMES DUNCAN, Evansville	Jr.
DB	DAN FURLEIGH, San Diego	Sr.

#### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Class
PK	TIM DUVIC, Dayton	Sr.
P	ROBERT RAY, San Diego	Sr.
KR	BARRY ESPOSITO, Dayton	Sr.

### PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



#### OFFENSE:

HANZ HOAG  
TE, Evansville



#### DEFENSE:

CRAIG ORTWERTH  
E, Drake



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Evansville's Hanz Hoag hopes to become the all-time leader in receptions among I-AA tight ends, and he thinks getting bigger will help.



# PIONEER FOOTBALL LEAGUE TEAM CHARTS

## BUTLER

**Coach:** Ken LaRose (12-8, 2 years).

**1993 record:** 4-6. Pioneer: 3-2/T2nd.

**Top players:** Eric Ackman, FB; Damon Black, OT; Joe De-Jaegher, RB; Travis Dixon, TE; Kevin Gribbins, WR; Matt Kistler, LB; Mike Klett, OG; Cameron McDaniel, FS; Elgin Reese, DE; Keith Rossell, OG; Jason Stahl, QB; Chris Toner, DE.

**Strengths:** Many players return from a Butler defense that led the Pioneer League in stopping the run (105.4 yards per game) last season. The pass-catch duo of Stahl and Gribbins is good.

**Weaknesses:** There is lots of inexperience at running back, wide receiver and linebacker. Overall depth is a concern.

**Outlook:** Last year, the Bulldogs took some opponents lightly, and they paid for it. LaRose must get the veterans committed to winning if Butler hopes to finish above .500.

**Schedule:** Hofstra, Sept. 3; at St. Xavier (Ill.), Sept. 10; Georgetown, Sept. 17; at Drake, Oct. 1; at Valparaiso, Oct. 8; Dayton, Oct. 15; San Diego, Oct. 22; Evansville, Oct. 29; at Alabama-Birmingham, Nov. 5.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Bulldogs.

**Site:** Indianapolis.

## DAYTON

**Coach:** Mike Kelly (128-23-1, 13 years).

**1993 record:** 9-1. Pioneer: 5-0/1st.

**Top players:** Jason Brower, P; Tim Duvic, K; Tony Ernst, QB; Barry Esposito, WR/KR; Jude France, C; Nick Hinklebein, MG; Doug Kraus, DT; John Mullen, OG.

**Strengths:** Place-kicker Duvic and punter Brower form the best kicking tandem in the Pioneer League. Ernst quarterback a strong passing game, and the defense is stout. The program's tradition is worth a few points per game.

**Weaknesses:** The Flyers lost 26 seniors, including two tailbacks, a fullback and much of their offensive line.

**Outlook:** Kelly never has faced a rebuilding project like the one he's confronted with this season. He must assimilate lots of new talent and get everyone pulling in the same direction. Tradition says he will.

**Schedule:** Mount St. Joseph (O.), Sept. 3; Alabama-Birmingham, Sept. 10; at Georgetown (Ky.), Sept. 24; Evansville, Oct. 1; Wilmington (O.), Oct. 8; at Butler, Oct. 15; Drake, Oct. 22; at Valparaiso, Oct. 29; at San Diego, Nov. 12.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Flyers.

**Site:** Dayton, O.

## DRAKE

**Coach:** Rob Ash (32-17-1, 5 years; 83-53-4 overall, 14 years).

**1993 record:** 8-2. Pioneer: 3-2/T2nd.

**Top players:** Tom Boecker, CB; Daron Buch, FS; Roy

Fletcher, QB; Matt Garvis, LB; Cortez Hull, RB; Todd Lee, DT; Craig Ortwerth, DE; David Palladino, LB; Todd Sauer, DT; Phil Smerek, OT; Bill Willers, K.

**Strengths:** Eight starters are back on defense, including standouts Ortwerth, Garvis and Sauer. On offense, quarterback Fletcher earned all-league honors last season, and Hull is ready to blossom after rushing for 752 yards in '93. Willers should be the conference's best kicker.

**Weaknesses:** The offensive line must replace four starters and the defense is auditioning for two starting cornerbacks.

**Outlook:** Although he's facing a major rebuilding project, Ash has positioned his program to the point where he'll be filling holes with juniors rather than freshmen. That's why the Bulldogs, who posted their best record since 1981 last season, may win the league title.

**Schedule:** At Simpson (Ia.), Sept. 10; San Diego, Sept. 17; at Aurora (Ill.), Sept. 24; Butler, Oct. 1; at Evansville, Oct. 8; Valparaiso, Oct. 15; at Dayton, Oct. 22; at Nebraska-Kearney, Oct. 29; Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Nov. 5; St. Ambrose (Ia.), Nov. 12.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Bulldogs.

**Site:** Des Moines, Ia.

## EVANSVILLE

**Coach:** Robin Cooper (18-11, 3 years; 37-18 overall, 6 years).

**1993 record:** 6-4. Pioneer: 2-3/4th.

**Top players:** Chad Albano, RB; Adam Bruggenschmidt, DB; D.J. DeWees, WR; James Duncan, FS/LB; Eric Fish, QB; Hanz Hoag, TE; Aaron Mayes, OT; Kim McWilliams, C; Bob Mihelic, DE; Kevin Miller, DT.

**Strengths:** Thanks to quarterback Fish and tight end Hoag, the Aces will boast the best passing offense in the Pioneer League. Nine of the team's top 10 tacklers from '93 are back. Evansville's roster features 15 seniors and 25 juniors, something Cooper never has had during his tenure.

**Weaknesses:** The Aces must replace three starters on the offensive line.

Place-kicking, a problem in 1993, may cause Evansville heartache this year.

**Outlook:** If they can win the close games this season, the Aces should improve on last year's record. If that happens, Evansville will have made school history by posting its third straight winning campaign.

**Schedule:** Wittenberg (O.), Sept. 3; Thomas More (Ky.), Sept. 10; at Kentucky Wesleyan, Sept. 17; at Dayton, Oct. 1; Drake, Oct. 8; at San Diego, Oct. 15; Valparaiso, Oct. 22; at Butler, Oct. 29; at Cumberland (Tenn.), Nov. 5; Aurora (Ill.), Nov. 12.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Purple Aces.

**Site:** Evansville, Ind.

## SAN DIEGO

**Coach:** Brian Fogarty (60-44-3, 11 years).

**1993 record:** 6-4. Pioneer: 1-4/T5th.

**Top players:** Jeb Dougherty, DB/KR; Dan Furlough, DB; Jesse Hall, DB; Tim Lynch, LB; Vince Moiso, QB; Doug Popovich, DB; Robert Ray, P; Jermaine Rucker, RB; Scott Steingrebe, TE; Matt Taylor, OT.

**Strengths:** The strength of the defense is a secondary that returns three starters. Quarterback Moiso, tight end Steingrebe and tackle Taylor key the offense. Ray is a fine punter. **Weaknesses:** Three starters must be replaced on the offensive line, which has questionable depth and size. On defense, the linebacking corps must be restocked, and depth on the line is iffy.

**Outlook:** It should be easy for the Toreros to improve on their one league victory in 1993. But much depends on the development of the offensive line, which must give Moiso time to throw.

**Schedule:** At Menlo (Calif.), Sept. 3; St. Mary's, Sept. 10; at Drake, Sept. 17; California Lutheran, Sept. 24; Valparaiso, Oct. 1; at Wagner, Oct. 8; Evansville, Oct. 15; at Butler, Oct. 22; at Azusa (Calif.) Pacific, Nov. 5; Dayton, Nov. 12.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Toreros.

**Site:** San Diego.

## VALPARAISO

**Coach:** Tom Horne (10-35-1, 5 years; 27-53-2 overall, 8 years).

**1993 record:** 5-5. Pioneer: 1-4/T5th.

**Top players:** Trevor Bell, FB; Josh Berning, LB; Nick Browder, QB; Doug Holok, WR; Darryl Jackson, TE; John Lyon, OT; John Palyok, DT/DE; Jeff Seymour, LB; Shayne Snider, FS; Ozzie Young, RB.

**Strengths:** Eight starters return on offense and defense. Young and Bell provide Valparaiso with a nice blend of speed and power on the ground.

**Weaknesses:** Horne's troops could use help on the defensive line and at linebacker. The Crusaders are in search of a place-kicker and punter, and the team lacks speed at receiver.

**Outlook:** Valparaiso has too many questions to answer to be a contender in the Pioneer League this season. But Young (1,555 all-purpose yards in '93) will be fun to watch.

**Schedule:** St. Ambrose (Ia.), Sept. 3; Millikin (Ill.), Sept. 17; Kalamazoo (Mich.), Sept. 24; at San Diego, Oct. 1; Butler, Oct. 8; at Drake, Oct. 15; at Evansville, Oct. 22; Dayton, Oct. 29; Aurora (Ill.), Nov. 5; at Kentucky Wesleyan, Nov. 12.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Crusaders.

**Site:** Valparaiso, Ind.

Text by Tom Collins.



Valparaiso running back Ozzie Young.



# Ex-walk-on linebacker Bodine now walks on Catamounts' foes

By JEFF D'ALESSIO

Charleston Daily Mail

To understand where Tom Bodine is, it's important to know how he got there.

Growing up on his family's farm in the quiescent, cozy community of Velva, N.D. (population: 968), Bodine rose each morning before the roosters to milk the cows, feed the chickens and round up the cattle. It was a routine that rarely changed.

When Bodine was 17, his family packed its bags and left the plains of North Dakota for the Deep South, an area of the country his mother, Barbara, grew up in. Specifically, the Bodine clan landed in Pickens, S.C., where Tom's mother does secretarial chores for a cemetery and his father, Robert, teaches history and physical education at Pickens High School.

Six years later, the 6-foot-2, 232-pound Tom Bodine is the leading tackler in Western Carolina history (Clyde Simmons, a two-time NFL Pro Bowler, is second) and one of the elite linebackers in Division I-AA.

Not bad for a walk-on.

"It's that good farm work ethic I was taught early in life," said Bodine, whose older brother, Rob, walked on at Clemson in 1989 and later became a two-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference noseguard. "Sun up to sun down, I was out there working."

A fifth-year senior who now has a scholar-

ship, Tom Bodine treats running backs and quarterbacks as if they were so many cattle. Last year, his third straight as a starter, he totaled 86 solo tackles and 52 assists in earning All-Southern Conference accolades. He is a cerebral, feared player, not an athletically gifted one.

"I don't think you can say he's extremely fast or extremely strong, but more than anything, he's just a coach's player," Western Carolina Coach Steve Hodgins said. "He's always going 100 miles per hour, always doing things right. You can certainly tell his background. I think he understands the importance of doing things right."

Bodine was recruited heavily by only a handful of Division I-AA programs while earning all-conference honors at Pickens High. Clemson Coach Danny Ford wanted Bodine, but Ford's offer of a full scholarship was sliced in half when Ford resigned and Ken Hatfield took over the Tigers' program during Bodine's senior season in high school.

"I felt kind of betrayed when they cut it down to a half-scholarship," said Bodine, who wound up instead in rural, remote Cullowhee, N.C., home of the Catamounts.

"He fits perfect with Cullowhee," said Hodgins, who is entering his fifth season at Western Carolina. "Here, you need that Grizzly Adams type of kid. He's Cullowhee's Grizzly Adams."

Bodine expected little when he first arrived in Cullowhee in 1990. He served a redshirt season as a freshman after undergoing knee surgery, but he blossomed the following spring beyond even Hodgins' wildest expectations.

Bodine hasn't missed a starting assignment at inside linebacker since taking over at the position in 1991.

"I never expected anything like this to happen," Bodine says of his Western Carolina career.

Bodine, however, is more than just a football player. Earlier this year, the physical education major/sociology minor became one of a small, select group of student-athletes chosen to serve on an NCAA subcommittee that studies issues affecting that group. As part of his duties, Bodine flew to Chicago and Kansas City, Mo., for conferences.

"We gave input on a lot of different things—need-base scholarships, amateurism, transportation for athletes," Bodine said. "It was kind of, well, different."

Not unlike the story of his life. ♦

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1. MARSHALL
2. GEORGIA SOUTHERN
3. WESTERN CAROLINA
4. APPALACHIAN STATE
5. EAST TENNESSEE STATE
6. FURMAN
7. THE CITADEL
8. UT-CHATTANOOGA
9. VIRGINIA MILITARY INST.

### ALL-SOUTHERN TEAM

#### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
WR	JEFF JOHNSON, East Tennessee State	Sr.
WR	KERRY HAYES, Western Carolina	Sr.
TE	DEMARKO KEMP, UT-Chattanooga	Sr.
T	BRAD OHRT, Appalachian State	Sr.
T	BRIAN FISHER, Furman	Jr.
C	SIDNEY MITCHENER, Virginia Military Inst.	Sr.
G	FRANKLIN STEPHENS, Ga. Southern	Sr.
G	AARON FERGUSON, Marshall	Soph.
QB	TODD DONNAN, Marshall	Sr.
RB	CHRIS PARKER, Marshall	Jr.
RB	CHIP HOOKS, Appalachian State	Sr.

#### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
DL	CHRIS HAMILTON, Marshall	Sr.
DL	WILLIAM PEEBLES, Appalachian State	Sr.
DL	BRENT SOLOMON, Furman	Sr.
LB	DEXTER COAKLEY, Appalachian State	Soph.
LB	CLAYTON GIBSON, Furman	Sr.
LB	TOM BODINE, Western Carolina	Sr.
LB	PAUL CARROLL, Georgia Southern	Sr.
DB	ROGER JOHNSON, Marshall	Sr.
DB	DONNIE ABRAHAM, E. Tennessee State	Jr.
DB	SHANNON MORRISON, Marshall	Sr.
DB	MATT STEVENS, Appalachian State	Jr.

#### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Class
PK	REED HALEY, Georgia Southern	Sr.
P	JOSH SIEFKEN, UT-Chattanooga	Sr.
KR	KERRY HAYES, Western Carolina	Sr.

### PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



#### OFFENSE:

**CHRIS PARKER,**  
RB, Marshall



#### DEFENSE:

**TOM BODINE**  
LB, Western  
Carolina



Western Carolina's Tom Bodine hasn't missed a starting assignment at inside linebacker since taking over at the position in 1991.

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# SOUTHERN TEAM CHARTS

## APPALACHIAN STATE

**Coach:** Jerry Moore (34-24, 5 years; 61-72-2, 12 years).  
**1993 record:** 4-7. Southern: 4-4/T4th.  
**Top players:** Kevin Burton, WR; Dexter Coakley, LB; Chip Hooks, RB; Brad Ohrt, OT; William Peebles, DL; Matt Stevens, DB; Jeff Vollmer, TE.  
**Strengths:** Hooks (5-foot-7, 156 pounds) is proof that good things come in small packages. Putting him behind a line that includes Ohrt, a second-team all-league choice, gives the Mountaineers one of the league's finest running games. Peebles heads a defense that should carry this team. Coakley is a budding star.  
**Weaknesses:** Although talented, the offensive line is inexperienced. Questions at quarterback persist, and a complement to Burton would be nice.  
**Outlook:** The mainstays at Appalachian State—a strong defense and a reliable running game—give the Mountaineers a chance against any team.  
**Schedule:** At Wake Forest, Sept. 10; North Carolina A&T, Sept. 17; The Citadel, Sept. 24; at East Tennessee State, Oct. 1; Furman, Oct. 8; at Georgia Southern, Oct. 15; Marshall, Oct. 22; at UT-Chattanooga, Oct. 29; Liberty, Nov. 5; at Western Carolina, Nov. 12; Virginia Military Institute, Nov. 19.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1992.  
**Nickname:** Mountaineers.  
**Site:** Boone, N.C.

## THE CITADEL

**Coach:** Charlie Taaffe (47-33-1, 7 years).  
**1993 record:** 5-6. Southern: 4-4/T4th.  
**Top players:** Derek Beres, OT; Levi Davis, OG; Tracey Gamble, LB; C.J. Haynes, QB; Todd Lair, DT; Shawn Lyons, C; Ahren Self, FS; Micah Young, LB.  
**Strengths:** The linebacking corps, led by Gamble and Young, is the forte of a defense that lost a ton of talent. The line, which is critical to the success of a wishbone offense, is young but sturdy.  
**Weaknesses:** Departed fullback Everette Sands will be dearly missed, and replacing his production will be next to impossible. Haynes' rookie season as a starter left few memorable impressions. The defensive line must be entirely rebuilt, and Self is the only premium player in the secondary.  
**Outlook:** Growing pains should continue for the Bulldogs, who are coming off their first losing season since 1987.  
**Schedule:** Wofford (S.C.), Sept. 10; Western Carolina, Sept. 17; at Appalachian State, Sept. 24; Newberry (S.C.), Oct. 1; East Tennessee State, Oct. 8; at Furman, Oct. 15; at Army, Oct. 22; at Marshall, Oct. 29; UT-Chattanooga, Nov. 5; Virginia Military Institute (at Norfolk, Va.), Nov. 12; Georgia Southern, Nov. 19.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1992.  
**Nickname:** Bulldogs.  
**Site:** Charleston, S.C.

## EAST TENNESSEE STATE

**Coach:** Mike Cavan (10-12, 2 years; 47-34-2 overall, 8 years).  
**1993 record:** 5-6. Southern: 3-5/7th.  
**Top players:** Donnie Abraham, DB; Larry Bell, RB; Jeff Johnson, WR; Richie Johnson, LB; James Russell, DE; Greg Ryan, QB; Nakia Thomas, LB.  
**Strengths:** Ryan (1,137 yards passing) stood out when handed the reins at midseason last year. His top target, former junior college transfer Jeff Johnson, bashed school record after school record in his first season in Johnson City. Bell could be a future star in this league. The defense is stingy with Thomas, Richie Johnson, Russell and Abraham leading the way.  
**Weaknesses:** The size on both lines is a concern.  
**Outlook:** Cavan has done wondrous things with this program, which not so long ago was an afterthought in the Southern Conference. With a little luck, the Buccaneers could contend for a playoff berth.  
**Schedule:** Catawba (N.C.), Sept. 1; at Morehead State, Sept. 10; Virginia Military Institute, Sept. 17; at Auburn, Sept. 24; Appalachian State, Oct. 1; at The Citadel, Oct. 8; at Georgia Southern, Oct. 22; Furman, Oct. 29; Marshall, Nov. 5; at UT-Chattanooga, Nov. 12; at Western Carolina, Nov. 19.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.  
**Nickname:** Buccaneers.  
**Site:** Johnson City, Tenn.

## FURMAN

**Coach:** Bobby Johnson (first year).  
**1993 record:** 5-5-1. Southern: 4-4/T4th.  
**Top players:** Luther Broughton, TE; Brian Fisher, OT; Rick Ford, WR; Clayton Gibson, LB; Philly Jones, QB; Brent Solomon, DT; Mark Tate, FS.  
**Strengths:** Ford and Broughton are a couple of nice receivers for Jones to throw to. The offensive line, anchored by Fisher, appears sturdy. The secondary should be a strength, too, with Tate the top performer.  
**Weaknesses:** Gibson underwent knee surgery late last season, and his health is critical to the success of the entire defense. A youthful running game leaves much to be desired. The defensive line could be a problem.  
**Outlook:** Can Johnson, a longtime Furman assistant, bring this program out of its current state of mediocrity? It's certainly possible, but it will take time.  
**Schedule:** At Clemson, Sept. 3; South Carolina State, Sept. 10; William & Mary, Sept. 17; Western Carolina, Oct. 1; at Appalachian State, Oct. 8; The Citadel, Oct. 15; at Virginia Military Institute, Oct. 22; at East Tennessee State, Oct. 29; Georgia Southern, Nov. 5; at Marshall, Nov. 12; UT-Chattanooga, Nov. 19.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1990.  
**Nickname:** Paladins.  
**Site:** Greenville, S.C.

## GEORGIA SOUTHERN

**Coach:** Tim Stowers (36-14, 4 years).  
**1993 record:** 10-3 (including 1-1 in I-AA playoffs). Southern: 7-1/1st.  
**Top players:** Charles Bostick, QB; Paul Carroll, LB; Joe Dupree, QB; Shafton Fraley, SB; Reed Haley, K; Alton Hilson, FS; Franklin Stephens, OG; Rob Stockton, SS; Chris Wright, HB.  
**Strengths:** Stephens and three other starting linemen pave the way for a proficient offense. Dupree and Bostick are gifted players who would start for many I-AA teams. Wright and Fraley are sprightly, shifty runners. Two-year starters Stockton and Hilson bring stability to the secondary.  
**Weaknesses:** Carroll is all that's left of a feared '93 linebacking corps that featured the dominant play of Alex Mash. A pair of first-string cornerbacks must be found as well.  
**Outlook:** Last year, the Eagles won the Southern Conference crown in their first year in the league. What will they do for an encore?  
**Schedule:** At Miami (Fla.), Sept. 3; West Georgia, Sept. 10; Marshall, Sept. 17; at UT-Chattanooga, Sept. 24; Virginia Military Institute, Oct. 1; at Western Carolina, Oct. 8; Appalachian State, Oct. 15; East Tennessee State, Oct. 22; at Furman, Nov. 5; Glenville (W.Va.) State, Nov. 12; at The Citadel, Nov. 19.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1993.  
**Nickname:** Eagles.  
**Site:** Statesboro, Ga.

## MARSHALL

**Coach:** Jim Donnan (40-16, 4 years).  
**1993 record:** 11-4 (including 3-1 in I-AA playoffs). Southern: 6-2/2nd.  
**Top players:** Ricky Carter, WR; Travis Colquitt, P; Todd Donnan, QB; Aaron Ferguson, OG; Chris Hamilton, DE; Roger Johnson, DB; Tim Martin, WR; Shannon Morrison, DB; Chris Parker, RB.  
**Strengths:** A veteran offensive backfield features two of the finest players in Division I-AA in Parker and Donnan. Although small, Carter and Martin are explosive receivers. Johnson and Morrison are the conference's best pair of safeties.  
**Weaknesses:** Both lines need help. All three linebackers are gone, but replacing them won't be as hard as trying to find a new place-kicker. The fullbacks are inexperienced, and more production at tight end wouldn't hurt.  
**Outlook:** The Division I-AA national championship game will be played in Huntington for the third straight season. Expect host Marshall to be there again.  
**Schedule:** Morehead State, Sept. 3; Tennessee Tech, Sept. 10; at Georgia Southern, Sept. 17; West Virginia State, Sept. 24; UT-Chattanooga, Oct. 1; at Virginia Military Institute, Oct. 8; Western Carolina, Oct. 15; at Appalachian State, Oct. 22; The Citadel, Oct. 29; at East Tennessee State, Nov. 5; Furman, Nov. 12.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1993.  
**Nickname:** Thundering Herd.  
**Site:** Huntington, W.Va.

## UT-CHATTANOOGA

**Coach:** Buddy Green (first year).  
**1993 record:** 4-7. Southern: 2-6/8th.  
**Top players:** Tony Ballard, CB; Kenyon Earl, QB; Kurt Gielink, DE; Demarko Kemp, TE; Terrell Owens, WR; Josh Siefken, P; David Storm, DT; Quanta Vance, OT.  
**Strengths:** At times, Earl has been a spectacular, poised passer. He's just as adept at scrambling as he is at throwing deep to Kemp and Owens, a couple of nice-sized receivers. The defensive front seven, which lost just one starter, has promise.  
**Weaknesses:** Earl has been an inconsistent player since his splendid freshman season of 1991. There are huge voids at tailback following the loss of the team's top two rushers. The secondary is green.  
**Outlook:** Former coach Tommy West bolted for Clemson after just one season, leaving the reins in the hands of Buddy Green, the school's third coach in as many years. The task ahead is an unenviable one.  
**Schedule:** At Alabama, Sept. 3; Alcorn State, Sept. 10; Gardner-Webb (N.C.), Sept. 17; Georgia Southern, Sept. 24; at Marshall, Oct. 1; Virginia Military Institute, Oct. 15; at Western Carolina, Oct. 22; Appalachian State, Oct. 29; at The Citadel, Nov. 5; East Tennessee State, Nov. 12; at Furman, Nov. 19.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1984.  
**Nickname:** Moccasins.  
**Site:** Chattanooga, Tenn.

## VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

**Coach:** Bill Stewart (first year).  
**1993 record:** 1-10. Southern: 1-7/9th.  
**Top players:** Marlon Anderson, WR; Keith Burwell, DT; Drew Dunnington, LB; Spike Johnson, QB; Sidney Mitchener, C; Kevin Reardon, DB.  
**Strengths:** Reardon, who rates among the conference's top stoppers, could carry the secondary. Mitchener is the best player on an offensive line that welcomes back four starters. Anderson is one of the league's most sure-handed receivers.  
**Weaknesses:** The defense should struggle following the loss of some key personnel. The wishbone offense is sure to suffer, too, with the departures of the first-string fullback and halfback.  
**Outlook:** Escaping the conference basement would be a considerable feat for VMI, a perennial cellar-dweller.  
**Schedule:** Richmond, Sept. 3; at East Tennessee State, Sept. 17; at William & Mary, Sept. 24; at Georgia Southern, Oct. 1; Marshall, Oct. 8; at UT-Chattanooga, Oct. 15; Furman, Oct. 22; Western Carolina, Oct. 29; James Madison, Nov. 5; The Citadel (at Norfolk, Va.), Nov. 12; at Appalachian State, Nov. 19.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.  
**Nickname:** Keydets.  
**Site:** Lexington, Va.

## WESTERN CAROLINA

**Coach:** Steve Hodgins (18-26, 4 years).  
**1993 record:** 6-5. Southern: 5-3/3rd.  
**Top players:** Craig Aiken, WR; Tom Bodine, LB; Chad Greene, QB; Kerry Hayes, WR; Harold Hines, FB; Mark Howell, TB; Jonathan Jenkins, FS.  
**Strengths:** Hayes and Aiken combine to form one of nation's most dangerous receiving duos. Greene is heady and well-armed, though unseasoned. The Catamounts boast a deep stable of running backs, led by the promising Hines and Howell. Bodine spearheads a strong, veteran linebacking corps.  
**Weaknesses:** The strength of last year's team—the secondary—is young and thin. The kicking game was inconsistent in 1993 and appears weak again.  
**Outlook:** The Catamounts had a difficult time fulfilling the huge expectations of a year ago. Their explosive offense, however, gives them a strong shot at redemption.  
**Schedule:** Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.), Sept. 1; at Georgia Tech, Sept. 10; at The Citadel, Sept. 17; at North Carolina State, Sept. 24; at Furman, Oct. 1; Georgia Southern, Oct. 8; at Marshall, Oct. 15; UT-Chattanooga, Oct. 22; at Virginia Military Institute, Oct. 29; Appalachian State, Nov. 12; East Tennessee State, Nov. 19.  
**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1983.  
**Nickname:** Catamounts.  
**Site:** Cullowhee, N.C.

Text by Jeff D'Alessio.



# Pounds must carry bulk of the load if Nicholls State hopes to prosper

By **CARL DUBOIS**

Lake Charles American Press

**P**ounds just may be the unit of measure for excellence this fall in the Southland Conference.

And why not? Nicholls State senior free safety Darryl Pounds can become only the third player to attain first-team All-Southland status four straight seasons. He also has a chance to convince National Football League scouts of his value as a versatile special-teams player who can cover kicks and return them. But Pounds says his top priority is to help the Colonels to their first winning season since 1988.

That's easier said than done. The talent level at Nicholls State drops off dramatically after Pounds. Since 1991, when Pounds was named the Southland's Freshman of the Year, opposing coaches have had a simple game plan when facing the Colonels: find Pounds, then avoid him. He has been the football version of the intentional walk, the power hitter lacking adequate support behind him in the batting order. To opposing coaches, an ounce of prevention is worth a Pounds of cure.

"You always find out where he's at," McNeese State Coach Bobby Keasler said, "and you try to put him in a situation somewhere other than where you're planning on going with the ball."

Because of the talent gap between Pounds and his teammates, that game plan often works. Since Pounds' debut season, the

Colonels' per-game yields in rushing and passing yards have ballooned each year.

With opponents doing a better job of finding Pounds, his interception total fell from a league-high eight as a freshman to four in 1992. Last season, he picked off just one pass. But he still led the team with 99 tackles and was a unanimous all-league pick, proving the respect the league's coaches have for him.

"He's involved on every snap," Keasler said. "He's a total football player. He'll surprise you by showing up where you don't expect him to be."

Being the standout on a struggling team is something Pounds has had to deal with for three seasons. The Colonels were 4-7 in Pounds' standout freshman year, marking the first time he'd ever played on a losing team.

Nicholls State hit bottom in 1992, posting a 1-9-1 record and going winless in the conference before changing coaches.

"Before I got here, the most games I ever lost in a season was two," said Pounds, who averaged 23.3 yards per kickoff return last season. "Walking into a losing locker room was a feeling I had to adjust to, and I'm still not used to it. I don't think anybody ever gets used to losing. It's something I want to change before I leave."

Pounds and new Nicholls State Coach Rick Rhoades helped the Colonels take positive steps last season, winning two league games in a still-disappointing 3-8 campaign. Despite the poor record, Rhoades says Pounds has the talent to play at any program in the country.

"He reminds me a lot of John Mangum . . . except he's faster than Mangum," said Rhoades, who as an Alabama aide helped coach the former Crimson Tide defensive back in 1989. "And he's willing to do more than his share in order to win. All the really good ones have that quality."

Indeed, Pounds possesses a lot of good attributes, but he doesn't have size on his side. At 5-foot-11 and 178 pounds, Pounds may be a little small for the NFL, but he has made enough jarring tackles in games and practices to show his strength. And his 4.4 time in the 40-yard dash is within the comfort zone for NFL scouts.

Pounds says goals such as playing in the NFL and again earning all-league honors are fine, but one objective stands above all others.

"My goal is to be satisfied with myself," said Pounds, who hails from Magnolia, Miss. "The rest—the interceptions, the tackles, the honors—will take care of itself after that."

It's the rest of the stuff that he'll let opponents worry about. ♦



JAMES STEWART

Opposing coaches have had a simple game plan when facing Nicholls State: find Darryl Pounds, then avoid him.

## ORDER OF FINISH

1. MCNEESE STATE
2. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE
3. NORTH TEXAS
4. NORTHWESTERN STATE
5. NICHOLLS STATE
6. SAM HOUSTON STATE
7. SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE

## ALL-SOUTHLAND TEAM

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
WR	MICHAEL PEARCE, Stephen F. Austin St.	Jr.
WR	TROY REDWINE, North Texas	Jr.
TE	MICHAEL WARREN, McNeese State	Jr.
T	OCTUS POLK, Stephen F. Austin State	Sr.
T	RONALD CHERRY, McNeese State	Sr.
C	CHRIS MANTOOTH, Southwest Texas St.	Sr.
G	LEE KIRK, Stephen F. Austin State	Jr.
G	JONATHAN ASHLEY, McNeese State	Jr.
QB	MITCH MAHER, North Texas	Sr.
RB	CHARLES HARRIS, Sam Houston State	Sr.
RB	HENRY FIELDS, McNeese State	Jr.

### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
DL	DANA SCOTT, McNeese State	Sr.
DL	CHRIS ROBERSON, Stephen F. Austin St.	Sr.
DL	ELVIN MASSENBURGE, Sam Houston St.	Sr.
LB	VINCENT LANDRUM, McNeese State	Jr.
LB	STEVE READEAUX, Northwestern State	Sr.
LB	JOHN SOLOMON, Sam Houston State	Sr.
LB	LEE WILLIAMS, McNeese State	Jr.
DB	DARRYL POUNDS, Nicholls State	Sr.
DB	ZACK BRONSON, McNeese State	Soph.
DB	TREY WOODS, Sam Houston State	Jr.
DB	LORENZA WASHINGTON, North Texas	Sr.

### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Class
PK	JOSE LARIOS, McNeese State	Jr.
P	BRIAN DESSELLES, Nicholls State	Sr.
KR	DARRYL POUNDS, Nicholls State	Sr.

## PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



### OFFENSE:

**MITCH MAHER**  
QB, North Texas



### DEFENSE:

**DANA SCOTT**  
E, McNeese State



# SOUTHLAND TEAM CHARTS

## MCNEESE STATE

**Coach:** Bobby Keasler (30-17-2, 4 years).

**1993 record:** 10-3 (including 1-1 in I-AA playoffs). Southland: 7-0/1st.

**Top players:** Jonathan Ashley, OG; Zack Bronson, FS; Marsh Buice, OT; Ronald Cherry, OT; Henry Fields, TB; Michael Hinton, DT; Kerry Joseph, QB; Vincent Landrum, LB; Jose Larios, K; Skeet Owens, WR; Dana Scott, DE; Michael Warren, TE; Lee Williams, LB.

**Strengths:** The Cowboys have three All-Southland-caliber tailbacks and a pair of tall, rangy defensive ends. Larios led I-AA kickers with 22 field goals last season, and Bronson's nine interceptions ranked second in the nation. McNeese State, which led the nation in total defense (249.5 yards per game) in 1993, will have a quicker and more athletic defense this season.

**Weaknesses:** The offensive line again lacks experienced depth. Joseph is the league's most athletic quarterback, but he has an erratic arm and must let his instincts take over more often.

**Outlook:** McNeese State has lost in the quarterfinals of the I-AA playoffs the last two years. To advance further in '94, rookie safeties and a punter must contribute quickly. Keasler's staff is noted for halftime adjustments, so look for the Cardiac Cowboys to again be a second-half team.

**Schedule:** Illinois State, Sept. 3; Jacksonville (Ala.) State, Sept. 10; Central Arkansas, Sept. 17; at Northern Iowa, Sept. 24; at Youngstown State, Oct. 1; at North Texas, Oct. 15; at Sam Houston State, Oct. 22; Stephen F. Austin State, Oct. 29; Southwest Texas State, Nov. 5; at Northwestern State, Nov. 12; Nicholls State, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1993.

**Nickname:** Cowboys.

**Site:** Lake Charles, La.



McNeese State quarterback Kerry Joseph.

## NICHOLLS STATE

**Coach:** Rick Rhoades (3-8, 1 year; 35-22-1 overall, 5 years).

**1993 record:** 3-8. Southland: 2-5/T5th.

**Top players:** Brett Adams, LB; Brian Desselles, P; Roscoe Griffin, RB; Tyrone Houston, LB; Michael LeBlanc, OL; Derrick Maxwell, WR, Soph.; Darryl Pounds, FS; Henri Ransford, QB; Reggie Rogers, RB; Corey Thomas, QB.

**Strengths:** Pounds is a game-breaker at free safety and kick returner. The kicking game will rank among the Southland's best if punter Desselles stays healthy. The Colonels will surprise opponents with their talented newcomers at running back.

**Weaknesses:** Nicholls State ranked 96th out of 115 I-AA schools in total defense (406.4 yards per game) last year. Additionally, the Colonels passed for only 102.5 yards per game (103rd in the nation) in '93. Inconsistency could doom Nicholls State to a sixth straight losing campaign.

**Outlook:** Rhoades seems capable of building a winner at Nicholls State, if given enough time and support. The Colonels are at least a year away from contending, but they'll upset at least one of the league's front-runners.

**Schedule:** At Connecticut, Sept. 3; Livingston (Ala.), Sept. 10; at Troy State, Sept. 17; at Samford, Oct. 1; Northwestern State, Oct. 8; Stephen F. Austin State, Oct. 15; at Southwest Texas State, Oct. 22; Southern, Oct. 29; at Sam Houston State, Nov. 5; North Texas, Nov. 12; McNeese State, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1986.

**Nickname:** Colonels.

**Site:** Thibodaux, La.

## NORTH TEXAS

**Coach:** Matt Simon (first year as head coach).

**1993 record:** 4-7. Southland: 2-5/T5th.

**Top players:** David Brown, WR; Cedric Cromer, RB; Jeff Daniels, OL; Umoja Gibson, CB; Duke Lamb, LB (transfer/Texas Christian); Mitch Maher, QB; Troy Redwine, WR; Luis Silva, TE; Brad Smith, C; Stan Thomas, DT; Lorenza Washington, CB.

**Strengths:** Redwine is a big-play receiver, and Maher is the league's most complete quarterback. Silva has the tools to be an all-league tight end, if the Eagles can get him the ball more often. The defensive line returns three starters.

**Weaknesses:** Gaps in the offensive line and secondary are a concern. All-Southland tailback Terrance Brown won't be easy to replace. Also, a kicker must be found.

**Outlook:** Simon is North Texas' third coach in the last five years, and the push to move the program up to I-A by 1995 could be a distraction. Three of the Eagles' five conference

losses last year were by a combined four points. Hence, North Texas must learn how to win the close contests.

**Schedule:** Abilene (Tex.) Christian, Sept. 1; at Southwest Missouri State, Sept. 10; Montana, Sept. 24; at Oklahoma State, Oct. 1; at Southwest Texas State, Oct. 8; McNeese State, Oct. 15; at Northwestern State, Oct. 22; Sam Houston State, Oct. 29; at Stephen F. Austin State, Nov. 5; at Nicholls State, Nov. 12; at Northeast Louisiana, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1988.

**Nickname:** Eagles.

**Site:** Denton, Tex.

## NORTHWESTERN STATE

**Coach:** Sam Goodwin (62-58-3, 11 years; 71-69-4 overall, 13 years).

**1993 record:** 5-6. Southland: 3-4/4th.

**Top players:** Danny Alexander, FB; Mike Allen, WR; James Brock, FL; Don Butler, CB; John Dippel, C; Tony Echols, S; Brad Laird, QB; Clarence Matthews, TB (RS/appendectomy); Steve Readeaux, LB; Neal Sharkey, OT; Tori Williams, QB/WR (transfer/Southwestern Louisiana).

**Strengths:** Seven defensive starters return. Receiver Allen, quarterback Laird and tailback Matthews could generate offensive punch if the line is rebuilt. A revamped coaching staff also may pay dividends.

**Weaknesses:** The offensive line will miss tackle Marcus Spears. The defense lost its best linebacker and defensive back. The kicking is suspect.

**Outlook:** The Demons never have finished in league's bottom half, but their fans are tired of being in the middle of the pack. Many of last season's problems were due to injuries. With luck, the Demons may be a sleeper.

**Schedule:** Southern, Sept. 3; Delta State (Miss.), Sept. 10; at Nicholls State, Sept. 17; East Texas State, Sept. 24; Troy State, Oct. 1; Sam Houston State, Oct. 15; North Texas, Oct. 22; at Southwest Texas State, Oct. 29; at Louisiana Tech, Nov. 5; McNeese State, Nov. 12; at Stephen F. Austin State, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1988.

**Nickname:** Demons.

**Site:** Natchitoches, La.

## SAM HOUSTON STATE

**Coach:** Ron Randleman (68-53-3, 12 years; 155-105-2 overall, 25 years).

**1993 record:** 4-7. Southland: 2-5/T5th.

**Top players:** Charles Harris, TB; Donald Henson, OT; Billy Holmes, LB; Red Jones, WR/KR; Elvin Massenburge, DT; Era Palmer, CB; Darius Smith, C; John Solomon, LB; Marc Tidwell, LB; Blake Vincent, WR; Trey Woods, CB.

**Strengths:** Harris is a superb tailback. Massenburge is an aggressive, steady defensive tackle. Woods, despite being born with just one hand, is one of the nation's premier kick blockers and special-teams players.

**Weaknesses:** Randleman was critical of what he called a lack of pride on his team last year. The Bearkats will have an untested quarterback, punter and place-kicker. Plus, they lack overall depth.

**Outlook:** Sam Houston State plays seven home games, which is a plus. Youth took its toll on the Bearkats last year. With seasoning, they should show improvement.

**Schedule:** At Jacksonville (Ala.) State, Sept. 3; Southeast Missouri State, Sept. 10; Angelo State (Tex.), Sept. 17; Alcorn State, Sept. 24; Texas Southern, Oct. 1; at Stephen F. Austin State, Oct. 8; at Northwestern State, Oct. 15; McNeese State, Oct. 22; at North Texas, Oct. 29; Nicholls State, Nov. 5; Southwest Texas State, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1991.

**Nickname:** Bearkats.

**Site:** Huntsville, Tex.

## SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE

**Coach:** Jim Bob Helduser (7-14-1, 2 years).

**1993 record:** 2-9. Southland: 1-6/8th.

**Top players:** John Hygh, QB (will move to WR); Nicolas Jack, CB; Monte Lewis, DT; Chris Mantooth, C; Vincent Reid, LB; Todd Siebert, SS; Scott Swinnea, LB; Michael Thompson, DE; Ray Whitehead, K; Donald Wilkerson, RB.

**Strengths:** Few. Mantooth is a good center. Whitehead is Southwest Texas State's best weapon, but the Bobcats will have to work hard to get him in field-goal range. The coaches say team speed on defense has improved.

**Weaknesses:** The Bobcats are switching from a spread-option running attack to a controlled passing game. It will take time for the players to adjust. Team chemistry also appears shaky.

**Outlook:** Southwest Texas State ranked 110th out of 115 I-AA schools in passing offense (72.5 yards per game) and 114th in pass-efficiency defense. An easier schedule should help the Bobcats improve on their disastrous 2-9 mark of last year.

**Schedule:** Texas A&M-Kingsville, Sept. 1; Northern Iowa, Sept. 8; at Pacific, Sept. 17; Cal State Northridge, Sept. 24; Sonoma State (Calif.), Oct. 1; North Texas, Oct. 8; Nicholls State, Oct. 22; Northwestern State, Oct. 29; at McNeese State, Nov. 5; Stephen F. Austin State, Nov. 12; at Sam Houston State, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Bobcats.

**Site:** San Marcos, Tex.

## STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE

**Coach:** John Pearce (11-12, 2 years).

**1993 record:** 8-4 (including 0-1 in I-AA playoffs). Southland: 5-2/3rd.

**Top players:** Baron Brown, LB; Kevin Goodwin, WR; Scott Griggs, C; Leonard Harris, RB; Lee Kirk, OG; Willie Mitchell, LB; Michael Pearce, WR; Octus Polk, OT; James Ritchey, QB; Chris Roberson, DT.

**Strengths:** All-Southland receiver Pearce, running back Harris and quarterback Ritchey are as good as any in the league. The offensive line shapes up as the best in the conference. The linebackers are strong.

**Weaknesses:** There are huge holes to fill in the secondary, and the defensive line lacks depth.

**Outlook:** With Northeast Louisiana now in I-A, the Lumberjacks are McNeese State's chief competition for the Southland title. If the pieces fall into place on defense, Stephen F. Austin State has enough offensive punch to win the league.

**Schedule:** At Youngstown State, Sept. 1; Montana State, Sept. 10; Cal State Sacramento, Sept. 17; at Idaho, Sept. 24; Sam Houston State, Oct. 8; at Nicholls State, Oct. 15; Henderson State, Oct. 22; at McNeese State, Oct. 29; North Texas, Nov. 5; at Southwest Texas State, Nov. 12; Northwestern State, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1993.

**Nickname:** Lumberjacks.

**Site:** Nacogdoches, Tex.

Text by Carl Dubois.



# Reticent Richardson has Southern pointed in the winning direction

By SCOTT GREMILLION

Baton Rouge Advocate

**S**outhern Coach Pete Richardson was an Ohio high school coach in 1978 when he received a message that Coach Hayes was trying to reach him.

He assumed the caller was Ohio State Coach Woody Hayes, who was recruiting one of Richardson's players at Dunbar High School in Dayton. Instead, it was Winston-Salem (N.C.) State Coach Bill Hayes, who was wondering if Richardson was interested in joining his staff. Richardson jumped at the opportunity, even though it meant taking a cut in pay. Undaunted, he served in various capacities on the Rams' staff for the next nine seasons before he got his big break.

After the 1987 campaign, Hayes left to take the coaching job at North Carolina A&T. Shortly thereafter, Clarence (Big House) Gaines, Winston-Salem State's basketball coach and athletic director at the time, walked into Richardson's office.

"We're going down to the chancellor's office," Gaines said. "You're going to be the coach."

Richardson proceeded to guide Winston-Salem State, which plays NCAA Division II football, to a 10-2 record and the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship. Over the next four seasons, Richardson's teams won two more league titles. After

five years on the job, he had a 41-14-1 mark. But his success didn't surprise Hayes.

"He's very, very private. Maybe the most private football coach I've ever known," Hayes said. "He's totally a no-nonsense person. He won't bend, he doesn't take any stuff and he won't say what he has to say loud."

"Some coaches yell and scream and not mean a word. When he says something, you can book it."

Richardson's reserved manner was sure to be tested after he took the job at Southern. He became the school's third coach in as many seasons and 11th since 1961 when he was hired before the 1993 season. Additionally, the Jaguars had not enjoyed a winning season since 1989. But he was determined to inject the program with renewed enthusiasm.

Southern fans have to be happy with the early returns. Last year, the Jaguars finished 11-1, captured the school's first Southwestern Athletic Conference championship since 1975, broke into the national rankings for the first time since 1983 and defeated South Carolina State in the Heritage Bowl.

Richardson was voted SWAC Coach of the Year after becoming the first coach to win the league title in his initial season. And he did it with a staff that included two Caucasians and an Asian-American. Players dubbed the eclectic mix the "Rainbow Coalition" and "In Living Color."

"We started off as a bunch of non-believers," said Richardson, who will be 49 in October. "Each week we had to prove ourselves."

Richardson grew up in Youngstown, O., where he began proving himself on the football field in the Pop Warner League. By the time he was a junior in high school, he was a star in football and track.

He continued his football career at Dayton, where he was a standout defensive back. Richardson then played four years with the Buffalo Bills before a knee injury ended his career.

"I was an overachiever," Richardson said. "I didn't have great speed. I had good work habits. When you spend hours in defensive meetings, it teaches you what to expect from the game."

But hard work isn't the only thing that has made Richardson a successful coach.

"In order to be good, you have to be organized," he said. "You spend two hours and 10 minutes on the practice field, and it goes fast. It's like running a company."

"I'm a different kind of head coach. The players can come into my office and talk anytime. You have to develop that because they have problems, too."

Gaines said Richardson has all the qualities to turn Southern into a consistent winner. And he should know. Gaines, who retired as Winston-Salem State's basketball coach after the 1992-93 season, ranks second in all-time wins in NCAA annals.

"I can tell you this, he's not a very talkative individual, and he's not going to get involved in any cliques within the university," Gaines said, "but if they give him their support, he'll be successful there." ♦

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### PREDICTIONS

#### ORDER OF FINISH

1. ALCORN STATE
2. SOUTHERN
3. GRAMBLING STATE
4. ALABAMA STATE
5. JACKSON STATE
6. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE
7. TEXAS SOUTHERN
8. PRAIRIE VIEW A&M

#### ALL-SWAC TEAM

##### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
WR	MARCUS HINTON, Alcorn State	Sr.
WR	TYRONNE JONES, Grambling State	Jr.
TE	VICTOR CULLEN, Mississippi Valley State	Sr.
T	MICHAEL ELLIS, Alcorn State	Sr.
T	PAUL ETHERIDGE, Alabama State	Jr.
C	GEORGE GRAHAM, Alcorn State	Sr.
G	CALVIN GRIFFIN, Southern	Sr.
G	ELLIOTT WOMACK, Grambling State	Soph.
QB	STEVE McNAIR, Alcorn State	Sr.
RB	WILLIAM ARNOLD, Jackson State	Sr.
RB	TONY BULLOCK, Alcorn State	Sr.

##### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
DL	ERIC FONTENOT, Grambling State	Sr.
DL	HERBERT HARRIS, Alabama State	Jr.
DL	ALBERT REESE, Grambling State	Jr.
LB	ANDRE DILLARD, Alabama State	Sr.
LB	ALLEN RAY HAYNES, Alcorn State	Soph.
LB	EARL MACKEY, Southern	Sr.
LB	KENYA ROUNDS, Southern	Jr.
DB	RODERICK MULLEN, Grambling State	Jr.
DB	PICASSO NELSON, Jackson State	Jr.
DB	MICHAEL WILLIAMS, Alabama State	Sr.
DB	JERRY WILSON, Southern	Sr.

##### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Class
PK	GILAD LANDAU, Grambling State	Sr.
P	JIMMY CRAWFORD, Miss. Valley State	Soph.
KR	KENYATTA SPARKS, Southern	Jr.

#### PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



##### OFFENSE:

**STEVE McNAIR**  
QB, Alcorn State



##### DEFENSE:

**ALLEN RAY HAYNES**  
LB, Alcorn State



COURTESY OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Pete Richardson became the first coach to win the SWAC title in his initial season.



# SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC TEAM CHARTS

## ALABAMA STATE

**Coach:** Houston Markham (49-23-4, 7 years).

**1993 record:** 5-4-1. SWAC: 3-3-1/74th.

**Top players:** Reggie Barlow, WR; Joe Dean, LB; Andre Dillard, LB; Paul Etheridge, OT; Ervin Garner, DE; Herbert Harris, DE; Antonio Parker, RB; Emille Stallworth, OG; Cedric Thornton, LB; Michael Williams, DB.

**Strengths:** The offense returns nine starters, including tackle Etheridge and guard Stallworth. The defense, which ranked third in the SWAC last season, also returns nine starters. Linebacker Dillard ranked fourth in the league with 106 tackles.

**Weaknesses:** The passing game was anemic last season (103.5 yards per game). The secondary lost two all-conference performers.

**Outlook:** For the second straight season, the Hornets started slow and finished fast. There's enough talent on hand for Alabama State to be a factor in the league race in 1994.

**Schedule:** At Southern, Sept. 10; at Alcorn State, Sept. 17; at Troy State, Sept. 24; Jackson State, Oct. 8; Texas Southern (Mobile, Ala.), Oct. 15; at Prairie View A&M, Oct. 22; Alabama A&M (Birmingham, Ala.), Oct. 29; at Grambling State, Nov. 5; at Mississippi Valley State, Nov. 12; Tuskegee (Ala.), Nov. 24.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Hornets.

**Site:** Montgomery, Ala.

## ALCORN STATE

**Coach:** Cardell Jones (23-9-1, 3 years).

**1993 record:** 8-3. SWAC: 6-1/2nd.

**Top players:** Harry Brown, TB; Tony Bullock, FB; Donte Dowers, CB; Michael Ellis, OT; George Graham, C; Allen Ray Haynes, LB; Marcus Hinton, SE; Malcolm Jones, CB; Steve McNair, QB; Goree White, FL.

**Strengths:** McNair, a Heisman Trophy candidate and three-time SWAC Player of the Year, passed for 3,197 yards and rushed for 633 last season. The Braves are loaded at receiver. Haynes, the SWAC's top tackler (146 stops) last season, is a star linebacker.

**Weaknesses:** The offense averaged 453.3 yards and 31.5 points last year. However, the defense allowed 407.0 yards and 31.8 points per game. The Braves took steps to rectify their defensive shortcomings by promoting veteran assistant Mario Kirksey to the coordinator post.

**Outlook:** As McNair goes, so goes Alcorn State. Should he perform well and the defense shapes up, the Braves should win the SWAC title.

**Schedule:** At Grambling State, Sept. 3; at UT-Chattanooga, Sept. 10; Alabama State, Sept. 17; at Sam Houston State, Sept. 24; Texas Southern, Oct. 8; at Prairie View A&M, Oct. 15; Southern, Oct. 22; at Samford, Oct. 29; at Mississippi Valley State, Nov. 5; Troy State, Nov. 12; Jackson State, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1992.

**Nickname:** Braves.

**Site:** Lorman, Miss.

## GRAMBLING STATE

**Coach:** Eddie Robinson (388-140-15, 53 years).

**1993 record:** 7-4. SWAC: 4-3/3rd.

**Top players:** Norman Bradford, RB; Curtis Ceaser, SE; Eric Fontenot, DT; Tyrone Jones, WR; Gilad Landau, K; Mark Mosby, LB; Roderick Mullen, CB; Jeff Nichols, RB; Kendrick Nord, QB; Keifer Phillips, LB; Albert Reese, DT; Brannon Simpson, P (RS/academics); Elliott Womack, OG.

**Strengths:** Grambling State returns 15 starters, including Nord, the SWAC's Newcomer of the Year in 1993. Landau is a three-time all-conference kicker, and Simpson, who was All-SWAC in '92, is a standout punter. The Tigers' defense ranked third nationally (273.3 yards per game) last season. As long as Robinson is on the sidelines, Grambling State will have an extra edge.

**Weaknesses:** The secondary must replace three starters, and two holes must be filled on the offensive line.

**Outlook:** The Tigers return enough experienced talent to win the SWAC, but they'll have to settle for an upper-division finish.

**Schedule:** Alcorn State, Sept. 3; at Morgan State, Sept. 17; Hampton (Va.) (at East Rutherford, N.J.), Sept. 24; Prairie View A&M (at Dallas), Oct. 1; at Mississippi Valley State, Oct. 8; Arkansas-Pine Bluff (at Shreveport, La.), Oct. 15; Jackson State, Oct. 22; at Texas Southern, Oct. 29; Alabama State, Nov. 5; at Florida A&M, Nov. 12; Southern (at New Orleans), Nov. 26.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1989.

**Nickname:** Tigers.

**Site:** Grambling, La.

## JACKSON STATE

**Coach:** James Carson (12-9-1, 2 years).

**1993 record:** 5-5-1. SWAC: 3-3-1/74th.

**Top players:** William Arnold, RB; La Shan Ausmer, WR; Eric Austin, SS; Kendrick Bibbs, OL; Ricardo Carson, LB; Carlos Cosby, OL; Oliver Dean, P/K; Lauren Gavin, LB; Harold Jones, P; Picasso Nelson, FS.

**Strengths:** Arnold, who rushed for 1,082 yards last season, leads a deep, experienced backfield. Nelson ranked among the SWAC leaders in interceptions (four) and tackles (87) last year. The kicking game should be solid.

**Weaknesses:** Where to begin? The Tigers lost 26 seniors, nine defensive starters, six all-conference performers and their most experienced quarterback.

**Outlook:** This is a major rebuilding year for Jackson State, which plays just four home games this season.

**Schedule:** Alabama A&M (at Birmingham, Ala.), Sept. 4; Tennessee State (at Memphis, Tenn.), Sept. 10; Florida A&M, Sept. 17; Mississippi Valley State, Sept. 24; South Carolina State (at Columbia, S.C.), Oct. 1; at Alabama State, Oct. 8; at Southern, Oct. 15; at Grambling State, Oct. 22; Texas Southern, Nov. 5; Prairie View A&M, Nov. 12; at Alcorn State, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1990.

**Nickname:** Tigers.

**Site:** Jackson, Miss.

## MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE

**Coach:** Larry Dorsey (20-18-3, 4 years).

**1993 record:** 4-4-2. SWAC: 2-3-2/6th.

**Top players:** David Arrington, RB; Steve Booze, WR; Larry Bowen, DB; Honore Britton, QB; Alonzo Brown, LB; Victor Cullen, TE; Jimmy Crawford, P; Bumell Dedeaux, FB; Brandon Dominick, DT; Vincent Ford, RB; Isaac Green, C; Tony Harris, LB; Cliff Robinson, QB.

**Strengths:** Inexperienced offensive players gained valuable experience last year. Britton and Robinson provide a solid 1-2 punch at quarterback. Arrington and Ford are good running backs, and Booze is a star receiver.

**Weaknesses:** Aside from finding a place-kicker, the defense must replace seven starters. A lot of freshmen figure to play, which is never a good sign. Playing seven road games only complicates matters for the Delta Devils.

**Outlook:** Dorsey, who coaches from the press box and wears a green hard hat to practice and games, finds ways to get his teams to overachieve at a school the state would like to close. Mississippi Valley State may overachieve in '94, but it won't contend for the league title.

**Schedule:** Howard (at St. Louis), Sept. 3; Lane (Tenn.) (at Tupelo, Miss.), Sept. 10; at Southern, Sept. 17; at Jackson State, Sept. 24; Grambling State, Oct. 8; at Alabama-Birmingham, Oct. 15; at Texas Southern, Oct. 22; Prairie View A&M, Oct. 29; Alcorn State, Nov. 5; at Alabama State, Nov. 12.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Delta Devils.

**Site:** Itta Bena, Miss.

## PRAIRIE VIEW A&M

**Coach:** Ronald Beard (0-33, 3 years).

**1993 record:** 0-11. SWAC: 0-7/8th.

**Top players:** Augustus Belser, DE; Dedric Clark, DT; Corey Fregia, DE; Kevin Garner, DT; Shannon Rhea, RB.

**Strengths:** The offense returns all 11 starters. Rhea rushed for 560 yards and caught 12 passes for 81 yards last season. The defense returns nine starters, including ends Fregia and Belser and tackles Clark and Garner.

**Weaknesses:** Sad-sack Prairie View A&M lacks depth at every position. The Panthers ranked last among I-AA schools in total offense (189.5 yards per game) and scoring offense (7.0 points per game) in 1993. Prairie View's defensive figures were equally as ghastly.

**Outlook:** Beard believes the Panthers, who haven't won a contest since 1989, may make strides this season and win a game.

**Schedule:** At Texas Southern, Sept. 3; at Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Sept. 10; at Langston (Okla.), Sept. 17; Grambling State (at Dallas), Oct. 1; Southern (at Houston), Oct. 8; Alcorn State, Oct. 15; Alabama State, Oct. 22; at Mississippi Valley State, Oct. 29; Tarleton State (Tex.), Nov. 5; at Jackson State, Nov. 12; Alabama-Birmingham, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Panthers.

**Site:** Prairie View, Tex.

## SOUTHERN

**Coach:** Pete Richardson (11-1, 1 year; 52-15-1 overall, 6 years).

**1993 record:** 11-1. SWAC: 7-0/1st.

**Top players:** Calvin Griffin, OG; Earl Mackey, LB; Eric Randall, QB; Kenya Rounds, LB; Kenyatta Sparks, RB/KR; Jerry Wilson, DB.

**Strengths:** Randall, the lone returning starter in the backfield, improved last season, passing for 1,892 yards and 18 touchdowns. The defense, which ranked second nationally (253.5 yards per game) last year, returns seven starters and experienced backups. Rounds was the league's second-leading tackler (106 stops) in '93.

**Weaknesses:** The Jaguars lost three of their top six tacklers and three of four starters from a talented secondary, including SWAC Defensive Player of the Year Sean Wallace.

**Outlook:** For the first time since 1991, the Jaguars enter the season with the same coach they had the previous year. That can only make them better. Richardson, the toast of the league in '93, should keep Southern among the SWAC elite.

**Schedule:** At Northwestern State, Sept. 3; Alabama State, Sept. 10; Mississippi Valley State, Sept. 17; North Carolina A&T (at Indianapolis), Oct. 1; Prairie View A&M (at Houston), Oct. 8; Jackson State, Oct. 15; at Alcorn State, Oct. 22; at Nicholls State, Oct. 29; Florida A&M, Nov. 5; Texas Southern, Nov. 12; Grambling State (at New Orleans), Nov. 26.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Jaguars.

**Site:** Baton Rouge, La.

## TEXAS SOUTHERN

**Coach:** Bill Thomas (first year; 34-20-3 overall, 5 years).

**1993 record:** 2-9. SWAC: 1-6/7th.

**Top players:** William Andrews, OT; Merideth Campbell, WR; Jason Hampton, RB; James Jones, NG; Lee Jefferson, TB; Nick Lopez, DE; Joseph Malbrough, DB; Ramon Manning, LB; Carnell White, FB; Horace Williams, LB.

**Strengths:** The defense should be better after allowing 428.7 yards per game last year. Thomas, a former head coach at Tennessee State, and his staff have improved the team's attitude.

**Weaknesses:** The Tigers could have problems on offense. Texas Southern must replace starters at quarterback, tight end, wide receiver and on the offensive line. Adjusting to a new coach could take time.

**Outlook:** For Texas Southern to post its first winning season since 1971, Thomas says the Tigers "have to do the little things . . . like come on time and learn how to follow instructions." Stay tuned.

**Schedule:** Prairie View A&M, Sept. 3; Morgan State, Sept. 17; at Southern, Sept. 24; at Sam Houston State, Oct. 1; at Alcorn State, Oct. 8; Alabama State (at Mobile, Ala.), Oct. 15; Mississippi Valley State, Oct. 22; Grambling State, Oct. 29; at Jackson State, Nov. 5; East Texas State, Nov. 12; Lane (Tenn.), Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Tigers.

**Site:** Houston.

Text by Scott Gremillion.



Grambling St. running back Norman Bradford.



# Holtz pleases parents and becomes CEO, of sorts

By **BILL DOHERTY**

*Free-lance writer*

In the fall of 1986, Skip Holtz sat in his father's office at Notre Dame when the subject of choosing a career path came up. It wasn't planned. It just seemed to be the right moment for this time-honored, father-son discussion.

At the time, the younger Holtz was a senior majoring in business management as well as a walk-on special-teams player and reserve flanker for the Fighting Irish.

Lou Holtz was surprised when he asked his son what he wanted to do in life. The kid wanted to enter the family business, coaching. Knowing the pressures and lack of job security involved in big-time college football, the elder Holtz tried to discourage his son.

"When Skip told me that he wanted to be a football coach, I told him that his mother and I didn't send him to Notre Dame to become a football coach," Holtz recalled. "We sent him here to be a president of a corporation. But then as we continued to talk, I could see that Skip was serious, that he was planning on doing it for the right reasons."

By the end of their chat, the younger Holtz had won his father over. Well, almost.

Lou Holtz closed the informal career counseling session by asking his son if he had discussed his future plans with his mother. Skip told his father that he hadn't broached the topic with her yet. "One word of advice, son," Lou said. "Make sure she's unarmed when you do tell her."

Eight years after that conversation, Holtz

has done his parents proud and become a CEO of sorts. A couple of months prior to his 30th birthday, Holtz left his position as offensive coordinator at Notre Dame to become head coach at Connecticut.

"It was one of the hardest decisions that I've ever had to make," Holtz said. "After all, I was coaching at my alma mater, Notre Dame, and my family was around me. I really wasn't looking to leave Notre Dame."

In fact, Holtz was busy preparing the Fighting Irish offense for its Cotton Bowl matchup with Texas A&M when Connecticut Athletic Director Lew Perkins called. Intrigued by the possibility, Holtz set up a meeting with Perkins in Chicago. That discussion led to a formal interview in Storrs, Conn., in mid-December. The trip to Storrs, where Holtz was born in 1964 while his father was an assistant coach for the Huskies, was the turning point.

"I came here still needing to be convinced that Connecticut was the place for me," Holtz said. "I had to be sure that if I left Notre Dame that I was going to a place that was totally committed to winning. And after one day in Storrs, I was convinced that everyone I met was totally committed to excellence in every sport. Men's and women's basketball. Women's softball. And football."

"So, after meeting with them and then sitting down with my wife, we decided to take the job, if it was offered."

Holtz didn't have to wait long. Perkins and the school's president, Harry J. Hartley, gave Holtz quite a Christmas gift: His first college head coaching job. He accepted and the Holtz

era of UConn football was officially underway.

"Skip Holtz brings a whole new dimension of excitement to this university," Perkins said at the time of the hiring. "He is an exceptional person and one of the brightest young football minds in the nation. During our search, we focused on identifying candidates who one, were involved with successful academic and athletic programs; two, would display a wide-open offense and three, were well-schooled in the area of external public relations. Skip Holtz is a perfect fit in each and every category."

In addition to his offensive mind, Holtz brings a much-needed ingredient to UConn football: instant national attention. Potential recruits know the Holtz name. Potential advertisers know the Holtz name. Heck, everyone knows the Holtz name—a fact that can only help a program that wants to move up in the world of college football.

"There has been talk about moving to the Division I-A level at some point," Holtz said. "But that wasn't a factor in my decision. I just viewed this as an opportunity to be a head coach in a great conference. And there's only one way to learn how to be a head coach, and that's to be one."

"At 30 years old, am I ready? We're going find out. I'm going to make mistakes, just like I did at Florida State, Colorado State and Notre Dame. But I'll always give everything I have, and that's worked out well so far."

Despite his relative youth, Holtz already has put together an impressive resume. After graduating from Notre Dame in 1986, Holtz served as a graduate assistant for two seasons under Bobby Bowden at Florida State. In 1989, Holtz coached wide receivers as a member of Earle Bruce's staff at Colorado State. He then joined his father at Notre Dame, where he served as wide receivers coach in 1990 and '91 before becoming offensive coordinator in 1992.

"I've been fortunate enough to learn under some great people," Holtz said. "And I'll take a little bit of what I've learned at each stop and formulate my own coaching style. I'm not trying to be the next Lou Holtz. I'm trying to be the first Skip Holtz."

Although he says that, Holtz is realistic. He knows that there is a segment of the population that believes that the only reason he got the UConn job is because of his name. And he knows only one way to deal with those people: Ignore them and win ballgames.

"I know those people are out there, but I can't worry about them," he said. "I can only deal with the things that I can control, such as preparing this team to make a run at the I-AA national championship. That's what this business is all about, graduating players and winning football games. If four years from now I'm 0-40 as a head coach, then I'll be selling insurance. It won't matter who I'm the son of."

Asked about his dream job, Holtz didn't hesitate for a second.

"Eventually, I'd like to be the head coach at my alma mater," Holtz said. "But there are a thousand other guys with that same ultimate goal of being the head man at Notre Dame. I can't even think about that at this point. I'm just getting started in this business." ♦



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### ALL-YANKEE TEAM

#### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
WR	CARNELL HENDERSON, Boston Univ.	Sr.
WR	MONTE NOWDEN, Connecticut	Jr.
TE	BRIAN GAINE, Maine	Jr.
T	SHERARD JOSEPH, Connecticut	Sr.
T	CHRIS BOURDON, New Hampshire	Jr.
C	ANDRE MAKSIMOW, Boston University	Sr.
G	MIKE PEDONE, Boston University	Sr.
G	SHANNON TROSTLE, Delaware	Jr.
QB	SHAWN KNIGHT, William & Mary	Sr.
RB	DARYL BROWN, Delaware	Sr.
RB	RENE INGOLIA, Massachusetts	Jr.

#### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
DL	BRIAN CORCORAN, Massachusetts	Sr.
DL	SILAS BURKE, Massachusetts	Sr.
DL	MIKE FOLEY, New Hampshire	Jr.
DL	MIKE BERTONI, William & Mary	Soph.
LB	GREG APPLEWHITE, William & Mary	Sr.
LB	ROSS FICHTHORN, Maine	Jr.
LB	PAT MULHERN, Delaware	Sr.
DB	JIM CONCANNON, New Hampshire	Sr.
DB	CHRIS HELOM, Boston University	Sr.
DB	MAURICE GLENN, Richmond	Sr.
DB	BREON PARKER, Massachusetts	Jr.

#### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Class
PK	SKIP THOMAS, Rhode Island	Soph.
P	JERROD THEBARGE, Maine	Jr.
KR	DWIGHT ROBINSON, James Madison	Sr.

### PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



#### OFFENSE:

SHAWN KNIGHT,  
QB, William & Mary



#### DEFENSE:

CHRIS HELOM,  
CB, Boston  
University

## YANKEE TEAM CHARTS

### BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Coach: Dan Allen (24-22, 4 years).

1993 record: 12-1 (including 1-1 in I-AA playoffs). Yankee: 8-0/1st.

**Top players:** John Coffey, DE; Robert Dougherty, QB; Chris Helon, CB; Camell Henderson, WR; Andre Maksimow, C; John May, FS; Mike Morello, K; Mike Pedone, OG; Pablo Rodriguez, SS; John Schaefer, DE.

**Strengths:** Dougherty, the 1993 Yankee Conference Player of the Year, returns for his senior year after throwing for 2,875 yards and 17 touchdowns last season. The offensive line and defensive secondary should be among the league's best again.

**Weaknesses:** While Dougherty returns, few other skill-position people do. Replacements must be found at tailback, tight end and at both wide-receiver spots.

**Outlook:** Division I-AA playoff quarterfinalists a year ago, the Terriers won't sneak up on anyone this fall. The schedule is tougher, but with Dougherty back, the Terriers should finish first or second in their division. That will earn them another trip to the playoffs.

**Schedule:** At Colgate, Sept. 10; at Maine, Sept. 17; at Villanova, Sept. 24; James Madison, Oct. 1; at Rhode Island, Oct. 8; Northeastern, Oct. 15; Richmond, Oct. 22; at Massachusetts, Oct. 29; Connecticut, Nov. 5; at Army, Nov. 12; New Hampshire, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1993.

**Nickname:** Terriers.

**Site:** Boston.

### CONNECTICUT

Coach: Skip Holtz (first year).

1993 record: 6-5. Yankee: 5-3/4th.

**Top players:** Dean Cassimatis, LB; Wilbur Gilliard, TB; Brian Gleason, DT; Sherrard Joseph, OT; Ed Long, TB; Monte Nowden, WR; Lamont Parker, CB; Zeke Rodgers, QB; Pat Walsh, OT; Paul Zenkert, LB.

**Strengths:** Everywhere one looks on offense, there are returnees, returnees and more returnees, the best of which are Rodgers, Nowden and Gilliard. The enthusiasm of a new coach should help, too.

**Weaknesses:** Holtz must rebuild the linebacking corps and the defensive secondary, two areas that lost three starters each from a year ago.

**Outlook:** Holtz's debut season should result in a winning record and a third-place finish in the New England Division. But keep an eye on this program. Holtz, 30, is a tireless worker, and the school's administration is dedicated to producing a winner.

**Schedule:** Nicholls State, Sept. 3; Troy State, Sept. 10; Richmond, Sept. 17; at New Hampshire, Sept. 24; at Yale, Oct. 1; Villanova, Oct. 8; Maine, Oct. 15; Rhode Island, Oct. 22; at Boston University, Nov. 5; at James Madison, Nov. 12; at Massachusetts, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Huskies.

**Site:** Storrs, Conn.

### DELAWARE

Coach: Harold R. (Tubby) Raymond (232-92-2, 28 years).

1993 record: 9-4 (including 1-1 in I-AA playoffs). Yankee: 6-2/3rd.

**Top players:** Steve Archibald, OT; Kenny Bailey, SS; Daryl Brown, FB; Norman Coleman, HB; Leo Hamlett, QB; Keith Langan, QB; Pat Mulhern, LB; Marvell Scott, RB (transfer/Illinois); Shannon Trostle, OG; Pat Williams, HB/SE.

**Strengths:** Year in and year out, the Blue Hens have one of the most potent ground attacks in Division I-AA. Delaware's wing-T attack, which averaged 296.6 yards last fall, should be just as powerful as ever with Brown, the school's all-time leading rusher, teaming up with transfer Scott.

**Weaknesses:** The biggest concern for the highly successful Raymond is his defense, which allowed 28.2 points per game in '93. He must rebuild both the line and the linebacking corps.

**Outlook:** The Blue Hens should be nationally ranked and one of four Yankee Conference teams to land a postseason berth.

**Schedule:** At William & Mary, Sept. 10; at Villanova, Sept. 17; West Chester (Pa.), Sept. 24; at Maine, Oct. 1; James Madison, Oct. 8; at Richmond, Oct. 15; Massachusetts, Oct. 22; Northeastern, Oct. 29; at Lehigh, Nov. 5; Hofstra, Nov. 12; Rhode Island, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1993.

**Nickname:** Blue Hens.

Site: Newark, Del.

### JAMES MADISON

Coach: Rip Scherer (19-16, 3 years).

1993 record: 6-5. Yankee: 4-4/6th.

**Top players:** Mike Cawley, QB; Marcus Cuttino, DT; Juan Dorsey, WR; Lamont Gooding, DT; Ed Perry, TE; Dwight Robinson, KR/CB; Brent Secrist, OT; Brian Smith, LB; Tyrone Washington, DT; Julius Williams, DE.

**Strengths:** The defense should be strong with a slew of returnees, led by Robinson, who was the Dukes' second-leading tackler (73 stops). He also returned two kickoffs for touchdowns. Cawley, a 1993 transfer from Syracuse, threw for a school-record 1,988 yards last season.

**Weaknesses:** The Dukes will be hard-pressed to replace David McLeod, who erased most of Gary Clark's school receiving records. The kicking game also must be rebuilt following the graduation of both kickers.

**Outlook:** If "go-to" players emerge at wide receiver and running back, the Dukes could make a run at William & Mary and Delaware in the Mid-Atlantic Division.

**Schedule:** Buffalo, Sept. 3; Middle Tennessee State, Sept. 10; at New Hampshire, Sept. 17; at Boston University, Oct. 1; at Delaware, Oct. 8; Villanova, Oct. 15; William & Mary, Oct. 22; at Richmond, Oct. 29; at Virginia Military Institute, Nov. 5; Connecticut, Nov. 12; Northeastern, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1991.

**Nickname:** Dukes.

**Site:** Harrisonburg, Va.

### MAINE

Coach: Jack Cosgrove (3-8, 1 year).

1993 record: 3-8. Yankee: 2-6/T9th.

**Top players:** Alon Byers, CB; Steve Cates, WR; Emilio Colon, QB; Jeff Comissiong, LB; Ross Fichtorn, LB; Brian Gaine, TE; Al Hall, LB; Bob Jameson, TB; Steve Knight, FB; Greg Mikell, FS; Jerrod Theborge, P.

**Strengths:** A productive running game returns intact. Theborge has become one of the Yankee Conference's best punters. Fichtorn's mind-boggling 162 tackles (83 solo) last season led the league.

**Weaknesses:** There's a lack of depth on both lines, particularly on the offensive side, where three starters are gone. The place-kicking is questionable.

**Outlook:** Their ground game and strong defense will keep the Black Bears competitive. However, they must find a way to win in the late going of games. Maine lost three conference games last season by three or fewer points.

**Schedule:** Central Florida, Sept. 3; Rhode Island, Sept. 10; Boston University, Sept. 17; at Massachusetts, Sept. 24; Delaware, Oct. 1; at Richmond, Oct. 8; at Connecticut, Nov. 15; New Hampshire, Nov. 22; Buffalo (at Portland, Me.), Oct. 29; at William & Mary, Nov. 5; at Northeastern, Nov. 12.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1989.

**Nickname:** Black Bears.

**Site:** Orono, Me.



Massachusetts running back Rene Ingolia.



# YANKEE TEAM CHARTS

## MASSACHUSETTS

**Coach:** Mike Hodges (15-6, 2 years).

**1993 record:** 8-3. Yankee: 5-3/T4th.

**Top players:** Ben Albert, DT; Frank Alessio, TB; Silas Burke, DT; Vito Campanile, QB; Brian Corcoran, DE; Rene Ingoglia, RB; Andrew McNeilly, QB; Eric Oke, K; Breon Parker, CB; Tony Williams, CB.

**Strengths:** The running game is outstanding (296.5 yards per game), the defensive line and secondary are strong and the kicking game is excellent. Ingoglia is a budding star; Parker and Williams are all-star candidates in the secondary.

**Weaknesses:** The offensive line must be rebuilt following the loss of three all-conference players, including All-America guard Bill Durkin. The linebacking ranks also were decimated by graduation.

**Outlook:** Hodges' 15 victories are the best two-year total in school history. Expect the winning to continue and the Minutemen to earn a playoff berth.

**Schedule:** At Richmond, Sept. 10; at Holy Cross, Sept. 17; Maine, Sept. 24; Rhode Island, Oct. 1; at New Hampshire, Oct. 8; at William & Mary, Oct. 15; at Delaware, Oct. 22; Boston University, Oct. 29; Northeastern, Nov. 5; Youngstown State, Nov. 12; Connecticut, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1990.

**Nickname:** Minutemen.

**Site:** Amherst, Mass.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Coach:** Bill Bowes (142-83-5, 22 years).

**1993 record:** 6-5. Yankee: 4-4/T6th.

**Top players:** Warren Ames, LB; Al Barrow, WR/KR; Chris Bourdon, OT; Jim Concannon, FS; Sean Finneran, NG; Joe Fleming, DT; Mike Foley, DE; Calvin Jones, TB/KR; Lee McClinton, FB; Avrom Smith, TB; Jim Stayer, QB.

**Strengths:** The Wildcats return their entire offensive line, led by Bourdon. That experienced unit should once again open holes for Smith, a talented runner who rushed for 1,050 yards and 11 touchdowns last season. The defensive line welcomes back four veterans.

**Weaknesses:** The passing game is suspect and depth in the secondary is questionable. Stayer must be steadier than he was in 1993, but he's not helped by the graduation of the team's top two receivers (who combined for 107 receptions last year).

**Outlook:** The Wildcats need a big year from Stayer to contend with the explosive offenses of Boston U. and Massachusetts. A fourth-place finish looks about right.

**Schedule:** At Northeastern, Sept. 10; James Madison, Sept. 17; Connecticut, Sept. 24; at Hofstra, Oct. 1; Massachusetts, Oct. 8; Lehigh, Oct. 15; at Maine, Oct. 22; at Rhode Island, Oct. 29; at Richmond, Nov. 5; Villanova, Nov. 12; at Boston University, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1991.

**Nickname:** Wildcats.

**Site:** Durham, N.H.

## NORTHEASTERN

**Coach:** Barry Gallup (11-21-1, 3 years).

**1993 record:** 2-9. Yankee: 2-6/T9th.

**Top players:** David Atwood, LB; Desmond Bellot, WR; Chris Brady, WR; Mark Hopkins, DB; Clarzell Pearl, QB; Jason Seapker, FS; Reggie Thornton, LB; Brian Vaughan, TB; Ike Wilkins, TB; Kevin Williams, FB.

**Strengths:** The Huskies' defense should be stingy, particularly in the secondary, where Seapker (a team-high 102 tackles) returns. Four veteran running backs should provide Northeastern with a fine ground attack.

**Weaknesses:** Although a senior, Pearl remains an unpolished gem. He's exciting, but he must improve his touchdown-to-interception ratio (12-11) for the Huskies to climb in the standings.

**Outlook:** If Pearl can resist the temptation to force things, the Huskies could be somewhat dangerous because of their defense and running game. However, they're still a notch below perennial I-AA powers William & Mary and Delaware.

**Schedule:** At Boise State, Sept. 3; New Hampshire, Sept. 10; Rhode Island, Sept. 17; Richmond, Sept. 24; at William & Mary, Oct. 8; at Boston University, Oct. 15; Villanova, Oct. 22; at Delaware, Oct. 29; at Massachusetts, Nov. 5; Maine, Nov. 12; at James Madison, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Huskies.

**Site:** Boston.

## RHODE ISLAND

**Coach:** Floyd Keith (3-8, 1 year; 26-25-2 overall, 5 years).

**1993 record:** 3-8. Yankee: 1-7/T11th.

**Top players:** Bobby Aggar, WR; Cy Butler, RB/WR; Lou D'Agostino, LB; Greg Fournier, OT; Chris Hixson, QB; Eric Jenkins, DE; Frank Marinella, TE; Travis McGuire, HB (transfer/Ohio State); Dan Sullivan, DB; Skip Thomas, K.

**Strengths:** Hixson is an exciting player who was named the Yankee Conference's Rookie of the Year last season. He joins with Marinella, Aggar and McGuire—a highly touted transfer from Ohio State—to form a solid group of skill-position players.

**Weaknesses:** This is a very young team, and it's not deep, either. The linebacking corps needs to be rebuilt.

**Outlook:** Despite the loss of 15 starters and 22 seniors, the Rams could be a better team than they were a year ago. However, the entire conference is stronger. Rhode Island appears destined for sixth place.

**Schedule:** William & Mary, Sept. 3; at Maine, Sept. 10; at Northeastern, Sept. 17; Brown, Sept. 24; at Massachusetts, Oct. 1; Boston University, Oct. 8; at Connecticut, Oct. 22; New Hampshire, Oct. 29; Hofstra, Nov. 4; Delaware State, Nov. 12; at Delaware, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1985.

**Nickname:** Rams.

**Site:** Kingston, R.I.

## RICHMOND

**Coach:** Jim Marshall (16-39, 5 years).

**1993 record:** 5-6. Yankee: 3-5/8th.

**Top players:** Rodney Bowens, WR; Joe Elrod, QB; Jason Gabrels, QB; Ray Geoffrey, LB; Maurice Glenn, DB; Jason Gredell, LB; Brian Lyle, DB; Carlos McCain, DB; Edmond Mintah, LB; Uly Scott, RB.

**Strengths:** Scott is a workhorse running back and there's experience in the secondary and at linebacker.

**Weaknesses:** With only three offensive starters returning, Scott, who rushed for 1,025 yards last fall, might need his teammates to wear "Hello, My Name Is . . ." tags in the huddle for a while. Marshall must find replacements at quarterback, wide receiver, tight end and along the line.

**Outlook:** The Spiders will be strong defensively, and Scott will enable them to play some ball-control offense. However, in the pass-happy Yankee Conference, they don't have the veteran skill-position people needed to compete.

**Schedule:** At Virginia Military Institute, Sept. 3; Massachusetts, Sept. 10; at Connecticut, Sept. 17; at Northeastern, Sept. 24; at Villanova, Oct. 1; Maine, Oct. 8; Delaware, Oct. 15; at Boston University, Oct. 22; James Madison, Oct. 29; New Hampshire, Nov. 5; William & Mary, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1987.

**Nickname:** Spiders.

**Site:** Richmond, Va.

## VILLANOVA

**Coach:** Andy Talley (60-32-1, 9 years; 88-50-2 overall, 13 years).

**1993 record:** 3-8. Yankee: 1-7/T11th.

**Top players:** Mark Baker, DE; Ante Benzija, OG; Andy Cabaugh, OLB; Anthony Cowsette, FB; Chris Curtis, DT; Curtis Dunaway, CB; Chris Hardy, FS; Kyle Helton, DB; Deon Jackson, CB; Devian Logan, FS; Tom Marchese, QB; Erik Pearson, QB; Jose Ramirez, OG; Richard Ras, OT; Andy Weidl, C; Greg Zeigler, DT.

**Strengths:** In the wide-open Yankee Conference, a strong secondary is an absolute must. Talley believes the quintet of Helton, Dunaway, Jackson, Hardy and Logan might be the

finest he has had at Villanova.

**Weaknesses:** Sophomore Pearson or junior Marchese must put a stranglehold on the starting job at quarterback. By the end of spring drills, neither had.

**Outlook:** The young Wildcats desperately need Pearson or Marchese to develop into a leader. Otherwise, the division basement awaits.

**Schedule:** At Fordham, Sept. 3; Liberty, Sept. 9; Delaware, Sept. 17; Boston University, Sept. 24; Richmond, Oct. 1; at Connecticut, Oct. 8; at James Madison, Oct. 15; at Northeastern, Oct. 22; William & Mary, Oct. 29; West Chester (Pa.), Nov. 5; at New Hampshire, Nov. 12.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1992.

**Nickname:** Wildcats.

**Site:** Villanova, Pa.

## WILLIAM & MARY

**Coach:** Jimmie Laycock (90-67-2, 14 years).

**1993 record:** 9-3 (including 0-1 in I-AA playoffs). Yankee: 7-1/2nd.

**Top players:** Greg Applewhite, LB; Mike Bertoni, DE; Josh Beyer, C; Derek Fitzgerald, TB; Melvin Griffin, DE; Terry Hammons, WR; Troy Keen, TB/FB; Shawn Knight, QB; Jason Miller, LB; John Stern, OG; Mike Tomlin, WR.

**Strengths:** Knight is an All-America candidate who set the NCAA Division I-AA record for pass efficiency (204.6 rating points) last season, completing 69 percent of his passes with a touchdown-to-interception ratio of 22-4.

**Weaknesses:** Assuming Knight doesn't leave school early (he's also a baseball standout who was drafted by the Chicago Cubs in June 1993), the only areas of concern are in the secondary and on the offensive line, both of which were hit hard by graduation.

**Outlook:** If Knight returns, the Tribe's seventh postseason trip in nine seasons is a sure thing.

**Schedule:** At Rhode Island, Sept. 3; Delaware, Sept. 10; at Furman, Sept. 17; Virginia Military Institute, Sept. 24; at Virginia, Oct. 1; Northeastern, Oct. 8; Massachusetts, Oct. 15; at James Madison, Oct. 22; at Villanova, Oct. 29; Maine, Nov. 5; at Richmond, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1993. **Nickname:** Tribe.

**Site:** Williamsburg, Va.

Text by Bill Doherty.



Boston University quarterback Robert Dougherty.



# Alabama-Birmingham's Whitcomb is taking Blazers to new heights

By WAYNE MARTIN

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For John Whitcomb, the road to Alabama-Birmingham had many twists and turns.

The Blazers' senior quarterback began his college career at Southern Mississippi, where he was redshirted in 1989. The next season, the Dothan, Ala., native saw some action as a reserve. After starter Brett Favre was hurt in an off-season automobile accident, Whitcomb quarterbacked the Golden Eagles to a season-opening victory over Delta State (Miss.). He also saw limited action the next week in an upset win at Alabama.

But after the 1990 season, Curley Hallman left as Southern Mississippi coach to take the top job at Louisiana State. Jeff Bower assumed command of the Golden Eagles and installed an offense that wasn't oriented to Whitcomb's strengths.

"I was the only quarterback in camp with game experience," Whitcomb said, "but I was Number 4 on the depth chart."

Disgruntled, Whitcomb transferred to Northeast Louisiana, but the Indians' offense didn't fit. Despite the mismatch, he received some good advice.

"One of their assistants told me they were starting a program at UAB," Whitcomb said. "I have a couple of aunts here (Birmingham), so I drove (over) from Monroe, Louisiana."

"That's exactly how we got him," said Jim Hilyer, who coached Alabama-Birmingham's club football team in 1989 and 1990 before being named coach of the school's first NCAA-recognized program in 1991. "He walked into my office one day and said he wanted to play."

"I came in here to a program just on the move, and with a quarterback coach (Dieter

Brock, a former Canadian Football League and National Football League player) who believes in throwing the ball," Whitcomb said. "We went to the run-and-shoot, and it was just what I was looking for. I believe there was divine intervention in getting me to UAB."

Indeed, Blazer fans are glad Whitcomb landed in Birmingham. The 6-foot-2, 204-pound Whitcomb was a big reason why Alabama-Birmingham made a successful climb from Division III in 1992 to I-AA last season. In 1993, he completed 238 of 389 passes (61.2 percent) for 3,012 yards and 21 touchdowns as the Blazers finished 9-2. Those are pretty good numbers for a guy who isn't even on scholarship.

"Because I came when UAB was Division III, and didn't sit out a year, I can't accept a scholarship without losing a year of eligibility," said Whitcomb, who played for his father at Chipley (Fla.) High School. "I'm really looking forward to this season. We have added Kansas and Jacksonville (Ala.) State (to the schedule). If we can match last year's record, we should have a great shot at the playoffs."

Whitcomb won't have to carry the entire load in the Blazers' push for a postseason berth. He'll be joined in the backfield by senior Pat Green, who rushed for 792 yards last season. Additionally, Louisiana State transfer Robert Davis will work out of the Blazers' backfield in 1994. Davis, Alabama's Mr. Football in 1991, led LSU in rushing as a freshman in 1992 but the Birmingham native saw little action last year.

"You can bet your life we're going to have both of them (Green and Davis) in our backfield (at the same time)," said Hilyer, who has served as an assistant coach at Mississippi State, Auburn and with the Washington Redskins. "What we have to do is find a way to get the ball in their hands."

One obvious answer is to throw the ball to them. "Our offensive philosophy is 'first and 10, let's throw it again,'" said assistant head coach George (Snoozy) Jones.

"I can remember some times last year when we had trips (three pass catchers) to one side and twins to the other, with nobody in the backfield behind me," said Whitcomb, who hit on 112 of 209 passes for 1,377 yards and 10 touchdowns in 1992. "We'll do a lot of things to get the ball in the hands of people who can get in the end zone."

No matter how many twists and turns it takes. ♦

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### ALL-INDEPENDENTS TEAM

#### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
WR	DAVID RHODES, Central Florida	Sr.
WR	DERRICK INGRAM, Alabama-Birmingham	Sr.
TE	CHRIS BEHAN, Buffalo	Jr.
T	RAY FORSYTHE, Central Florida	Sr.
T	JASON BANNAN, Cal State Sacramento	Jr.
C	CHRIS SAMMARONE, Youngstown State	Sr.
G	RAY MILLER, Youngstown State	Sr.
G	DAVE FIORE, Hofstra	Jr.
QB	DARIN HINSHAW, Central Florida	Sr.
RB	BRIAN MCCARTY, Towson State	Sr.
RB	J.T. MORRIS, Liberty	Jr.

#### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
DL	GREG JEFFERSON, Central Florida	Sr.
DL	DANNY DAVIS, Western Kentucky	Sr.
DL	JOSH EVANS, Alabama-Birmingham	Sr.
LB	LEON JONES, Youngstown State	Jr.
LB	TRAVIS COOPER, Central Florida	Jr.
LB	DAVID LONG, Liberty	Jr.
LB	JEREMY PERKINS, Samford	Sr.
DB	LESTER WEAVER, Youngstown State	Sr.
DB	DARIAN COLEMAN, C Connecticut State	Sr.
DB	DON BLACKMON, Alabama-Birmingham	Sr.
DB	CEDRICK BROOKS, Troy State	Sr.

#### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Class
PK	CHARLIE PIERCE, Central Florida	Soph.
P	ERIC COLVARD, Liberty	Jr.
KR	ROBERT KILOW, Troy State	Sr.

### PLAYERS OF THE YEAR



#### OFFENSE:

DAVID RHODES,  
WR, Central Florida



#### DEFENSE:

LEON JONES,  
LB, Youngstown St.



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## INDEPENDENTS TEAM CHARTS

## ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM

Coach: Dr. Jim Hilyer (20-8-2, 3 years).

1993 record: 9-2.

**Top players:** Don Blackmon, CB; Robert Davis, RB (transfer/LSU); Josh Evans, DT; Derrick Ingram, WR; Kevin Thomason, K; John Whitcomb, QB.

**Strengths:** Ten starters return on defense and nine on offense. Blackmon is the standout in an intact secondary that snared 23 interceptions a year ago. Evans heads a solid defensive line.

**Weaknesses:** Three linebackers are back, but the star of unit (Alan Spooner) isn't. Two new offensive linemen must be found.

**Outlook:** After winning eight straight games to end the 1993 season, the Blazers have momentum on their side.

**Schedule:** At Alabama State, Sept. 3; at Dayton, Sept. 10; Jacksonville (Ala.) State, Sept. 17; at Kansas, Sept. 24; Western Kentucky, Oct. 1; Wofford (S.C.), Oct. 8; Mississippi Valley State, Oct. 15; Charleston Southern, Oct. 22; at Morehead State, Oct. 29; Butler, Nov. 5; at Prairie View A&M, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Blazers.

**Site:** Birmingham, Ala.

## BUFFALO

Coach: Jim Ward (5-16, 2 years).

1993 record: 1-10.

**Top players:** Chris Behan, TE; Vince Canosa, DL; Pete Conley, LB; Craig Guest, LB; Mark Mozrall, K; Cliff Scott, QB; Kareem Stroman, DB.

**Strengths:** Scott, a gifted transfer from Marshall, is back for one last hurrah. Except at center, all first-string offensive linemen return. The kicking game is dependable.

**Weaknesses:** There's depth—but little experience—at tailback. The Bulls also need to be stingier on defense.

**Outlook:** Buffalo can't be any worse than 1-10 again.

**Schedule:** At James Madison, Sept. 3; at Towson State, Sept. 10; Lehigh, Sept. 17; Cheyney (Pa.) State, Sept. 24; Colgate, Oct. 8; Illinois State, Oct. 15; Hofstra, Oct. 22; at Maine, Oct. 29; Youngstown State, Nov. 5; at Western Illinois, Nov. 12; at Central Florida, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Bulls.

**Site:** Buffalo, N.Y.

## CAL POLY SAN LUIS OBISPO

Coach: Andre Patterson (first year).

1993 record: 6-4 in Division II.

**Top players:** Mike Fisher, QB; Alex Garwood, LB; Jacques Jordan, RB; Buster Layton, DT; Ron Maden, DE; Ryan Steen, RB; Jonathan Trotter, LB; Jay Wells, LB.

**Strengths:** Eight starters return on a defense led by Maden and Layton. A healthy Wells should add spark to a linebacking unit that brings back Garwood and Trotter. Fisher (22 touchdown passes) was one of the best quarterbacks in Division II last year. Jordan and Steen will provide a reliable running game.

**Weaknesses:** The players may need some time to adjust to a new coach and a new system. The schedule is no breeze.

**Outlook:** This fledgling Division I-AA program should take its lumps early.

**Schedule:** At Eastern Washington, Sept. 10; Humboldt State (Calif.), Sept. 17; Sonoma State (Calif.), Sept. 24; at Montana, Oct. 1; at San Francisco State, Oct. 8; UC Davis, Oct. 15; at Cal State Northridge, Oct. 22; St. Mary's, Oct. 29; at Northern Arizona, Nov. 5; at Cal State Sacramento, Nov. 12; Southern Utah, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Mustangs.

**Site:** San Luis Obispo, Calif.

## CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE

Coach: Bob Burt (46-39, 8 years; 52-43 overall, 9 years).

1993 record: 4-6.

**Top players:** Edwin Babayova, OL; Vince Johnson, CB; Clayton Mills, QB; Duc Ngo, WR; J.J. O'Laughlin, QB; David Romines, WR; Oscar Wilson, DT.

**Strengths:** O'Laughlin, a transfer from Illinois, is a strong-armed, precise passer. Mills, a transfer from Oregon, gives the Matadors enviable depth at the position. Ngo isn't big but he has sure hands. Wilson's presence means the Matadors won't have to cry "ole" on defense all of the time.

**Weaknesses:** The receiving corps has Ngo but little else. The defense has lost five key starters.

**Outlook:** The Matadors could be bullish in their second I-AA season.

**Schedule:** At Boise State, Sept. 10; UC Davis, Sept. 17; at Southwest Texas State, Sept. 24; Chico (Calif.) State, Oct. 1; at Sonoma State (Calif.), Oct. 8; at St. Mary's, Oct. 15; Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Oct. 22; at Southern Utah State, Nov. 5;

Northern Arizona, Nov. 12; at Cal State Sacramento, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Matadors.

**Site:** Northridge, Calif.

## CAL STATE SACRAMENTO

Coach: Mike Clemons (4-6, 1 year).

1993 record: 4-6.

**Top players:** Jason Bannan, OT; Judd Fleming, CB; Joe Garofalo, QB; Troy Gassaway, TB; Jermaine Hollie, WR; Greg Johnson, LB; Joe Lozano, OT.

**Strengths:** Garofalo will guide what should be the Hornets' most explosive offense in years. He'll have help with Bannan, Lozano and others up front and Hollie going deep. Johnson is a terror at linebacker, and the pass defense should be stingy.

**Weaknesses:** With nine starters gone, the defense could struggle, particularly up front. After Hollie, there are few dependable receivers. Size—or a lack of it—could present some problems.

**Outlook:** As scholarships continue to dwindle in Sacramento, so should the victory total.

**Schedule:** San Francisco State, Sept. 3; at Stephen F. Austin State, Sept. 17; at Chico (Calif.) State, Sept. 24; Montana State, Oct. 1; at UC Davis, Oct. 8; at Portland (Ore.) State, Oct. 22; at Southern Utah, Oct. 29; at St. Mary's, Nov. 5; Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Nov. 12; Cal State Northridge, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Hornets.

**Site:** Sacramento, Calif.

## CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE

Coach: Sal Cintorino (6-13, 2 years).

1993 record: 5-5.

**Top players:** Andy Borst, SS; Darian Coleman, CB; Anthony English, FB; Jay Perez, LB; Duane Shirden, TB; Heston Suttman, SE; Sam Tirone, QB.

**Strengths:** Coleman and Borst are stingy defensive backs. Leading tackler Perez also returns on a defense that finished ninth in I-AA in turnover margin. Four first-string linemen are back to protect the record-setting Tirone.

**Weaknesses:** Since most of the defensive line is grassy green, the loss of Michael Gannon at tackle is a sizable one. Other than punting, the special teams are certain to struggle.

**Outlook:** Cintorino has the Blue Devils headed in the right direction. Their five victories in 1993 were more than in the previous three seasons combined.

**Schedule:** At Marist, Sept. 10; Robert Morris, Sept. 17; at C.W. Post (N.Y.), Sept. 24; at St. Peter's, Oct. 1; at Hofstra, Oct. 8; at Springfield, Oct. 15; St. Francis (Pa.), Oct. 22; Wagner, Oct. 29; Southern Connecticut State, Nov. 5; Monmouth, Nov. 12.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Blue Devils.

**Site:** New Britain, Conn.

## CENTRAL FLORIDA

Coach: Gene McDowell (63-40, 9 years).

1993 record: 9-3 (including 0-1 in I-AA playoffs).

**Top players:** Charles Anderson, LB; Travis Cooper, LB; Ray Forsythe, OT; Mike Gruttadauria, C; Corries Hardy, DE (transfer/Miami, Fla.); Darin Hinshaw, QB; Greg Jefferson, DE; Charlie Pierce, K/P; David Rhodes, WR; Marquette Smith, RB (transfer/Florida State); Kendrick Thomas, LB (transfer/Syracuse).

**Strengths:** The Golden Knights have wooed a wealth of I-A transfers to Orlando, including Smith, Cooper, Thomas, Hardy and Forsythe. Add that talented quintet to returning stars Rhodes, Jefferson and Hinshaw, and you've got a squad that could bolt the I-AA ranks right now and fare well.

**Weaknesses:** We're nit-picking here. The defensive tackles are unseasoned and small (about 250 pounds each) and the secondary needs some tinkering.

**Outlook:** A run at the I-AA national title seems inevitable before the Knights ride off to Division I-A in 1996.

**Schedule:** At Maine, Sept. 3; Valdosta State, Sept. 10; Bethune-Cookman, Sept. 17; Western Kentucky, Sept. 24; at Illinois State, Oct. 1; at Samford, Oct. 8; at Northeast Louisiana, Oct. 15; Troy State, Oct. 22; at Liberty, Oct. 29; at East Carolina, Nov. 12; Buffalo, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1993.

**Nickname:** Knights.

**Site:** Orlando, Fla.

## CHARLESTON SOUTHERN

Coach: David Dowd (9-22, 3 years).

1993 record: 3-8.

**Top players:** Bill Barteld, DT; Jon Belk, LB; Bill Collins, WR; D'Angelo Dereef, RB; Chad Farmer, OG; Dennis Hamilton, DT; Heath Siemon, WR.

**Strengths:** Two-year starter Dereef leads a talented offensive backfield. Collins and Siemon are sure-handed receivers. The offensive line, with three starters returning, could be the best in school history.

**Weaknesses:** There are significant holes at linebacker. The defensive backfield has no seniors. No one has a firm grasp on the quarterback job.

**Outlook:** The first senior class in the history of the program hopes to improve on its 42-10 average margin of defeat last year.

**Schedule:** At Presbyterian (S.C.), Sept. 10; South Carolina State, Sept. 17; Towson State, Sept. 24; Morgan State, Oct. 1; Newberry (S.C.), Oct. 8; at Troy State, Oct. 15; at Alabama-Birmingham, Oct. 22; Mars Hill (N.C.), Oct. 29; at UT-Martin, Nov. 5; at Wofford (S.C.), Nov. 12; at Liberty, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Buccaneers.

**Site:** Charleston, S.C.

## DAVIDSON

Coach: Tim Landis (6-4, 1 year).

1993 record: 6-4.

**Top players:** Mills Atrial, NG; Bruce Bannister, FB; Jason Branch, CB; Mark Hemby, LB; Kevin Holzworth, QB; Shane Mills, RB; Cedric West, LB.

**Strengths:** The defense welcomes back nine starters, led by Atrial, Leak and Branch. The linebacking, especially, seems strong. Bannister is a do-it-all offensive standout.

**Weaknesses:** A new quarterback must be found. The offensive line is largely unsettled. The kicking game has some holes, too.

**Outlook:** Landis said his Wildcats will major in defense and minor in offense in 1994. However, with no games against I-AA competition on the schedule, Davidson could fashion a reasonable won-lost record.

**Schedule:** At Maryville (Tenn.), Sept. 17; Emory & Henry (Va.), Sept. 24; Guilford (N.C.), Oct. 1; Washington & Lee (Va.), Oct. 8; at Methodist (N.C.), Oct. 15; at Randolph-Macon (Va.), Oct. 22; at Hampden-Sydney (Va.), Oct. 29; Centre (Ky.), Nov. 5; at Bridgewater (Va.), Nov. 12; University of the South (in Bermuda), Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Wildcats.

**Site:** Davidson, N.C.

## HOFSTRA

Coach: Joe Gardi (30-12-1, 4 years).

1993 record: 6-3-1.

**Top players:** Wayne Chrebet, WR; Haywood Cromartie, RB; Herve Damas, LB; Joey Driver, LB; Dave Fiore, G; Lee Harris, FS; Tyvan Sunday, CB.

**Strengths:** A defensive line that totaled 163 tackles (23 for losses) and 19 sacks last season returns intact. Damas and Driver are star linebackers, and Sunday is the best player in a secondary that returns three starters. A seasoned offense has eight starters back.

**Weaknesses:** The run-and-shoot offense needs a quarterback (Hofstra may be hurting without George Beisel). A new kicker must be found as well.

**Outlook:** The Flying Dutchmen closed out 1993 by going 5-0-1, so momentum is in their corner.

**Schedule:** At Butler, Sept. 3; at Bucknell, Sept. 10; Fordham, Sept. 17; at Lafayette, Sept. 24; New Hampshire, Oct. 1; Central Connecticut State, Oct. 8; at Buffalo, Oct. 22; Towson State, Oct. 29; Rhode Island, Nov. 5; at Delaware, Nov. 12.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Flying Dutchmen.

**Site:** Hempstead, N.Y.

## LIBERTY

Coach: Sam Rutigliano (31-23, 5 years).

1993 record: 6-5.

**Top players:** Kris Bouslough, WR; Antwan Chiles, QB; Kelvin Cochran, LB; Eric Colvard, P; Isaac Cook, WR; Marcus Leggett, FS; David Long, LB; J.T. Morris, RB (transfer/Penn State).

**Strengths:** Morris, a coveted transfer, could become an immediate hit on the I-AA level. Chiles, who transferred in from Florida two years ago, should be more effective with four games of starting experience under his belt. This should be one of Rutigliano's most feared defenses since he arrived in Lynchburg five years ago.

**Weaknesses:** The Flames lack veteran talent in two key areas—wide receiver and the secondary. Wideouts Cook and Bouslough must produce early.

**Outlook:** The presence of Morris and Chiles alone make Liberty a scary opponent.

**Schedule:** Concord (W.Va.), Sept. 3; at Villanova, Sept. 9; at Toledo, Sept. 17; at Boise State, Sept. 24; Delaware State, Oct. 8; at Southwest Missouri State, Oct. 15; Catawba (N.C.), Oct. 22; Central Florida, Oct. 29; at Appalachian State, Nov. 5; Charleston Southern, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Flames.

**Site:** Lynchburg, Va.



# INDEPENDENTS TEAM CHARTS

## MONMOUTH

**Coach:** Kevin Callahan (2-5, 1 year).

**1993 record:** 2-5.

**Top players:** Tim Canavan, DE; Joe Little, LB; Ralph O'Neil, RB; Chris Orsogna, LB; Doug Rossback, QB; Jim Varick, RB; Marcus Winters, WR.

**Strengths:** All 22 starters are back for this second-year program. Pinpoint passer Rossback is the best of the starters, and he has helped in running backs O'Neil and Varick. The Hawks are deep at wideout, with Winters being the main man. Canavan and Little are nimble, feared defenders.

**Weaknesses:** After Canavan and Little, the defense is hurting. The secondary is unseasoned. Turnovers plagued the Hawks last year.

**Outlook:** With three lower-classification opponents dotting the schedule, Monmouth should win at least one more game this season.

**Schedule:** At Robert Morris, Sept. 10; Pace (N.Y.), Sept. 17; at St. John's, Sept. 24; at Wagner, Oct. 1; St. Francis (Pa.), Oct. 8; Upsala (N.J.), Oct. 22; at Sacred Heart (Conn.), Oct. 29; Stonehill (Mass.), Nov. 5; at Central Connecticut State, Nov. 12.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Hawks.

**Site:** West Long Branch, N.J.

## ROBERT MORRIS

**Coach:** Joe Walton (first year).

**1993 record:** first year.

**Top players:** Jon Bealles, OT; Jim Billy, QB; Jason Henley, DE; Ron Kamzelski, QB; Nate List, QB; Paul Posa, DT; Tim Smith, RB; Keith Stewart, DE.

**Strengths:** Only time will tell if non-scholarship Robert Morris, which is fielding the first football team in its 73-year history, has any strengths.

**Weaknesses:** Inexperience is obviously the biggest.

**Outlook:** The coaching staff includes former New York Jets boss Walton as head man and longtime NFL assistant Dan Radakovich as defensive coordinator. They have a tough task ahead.

**Schedule:** At Waynesburg (Pa.), Sept. 3; Monmouth, Sept. 10; at Central Connecticut State, Sept. 17; Gannon (Pa.), Sept. 24; Duquesne, Oct. 8; at Wagner, Oct. 15; at St. Francis (Pa.), Oct. 29; Bethany (W.Va.), Nov. 5; at Mercyhurst (Pa.), Nov. 12.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Colonials.

**Site:** Coraopolis, Pa.

## ST. FRANCIS

**Coach:** Frank Pergolizzi (23-26-1, 5 years).

**1993 record:** 3-7.

**Top players:** Scott Black, QB/P; Dwayne Eck, LB; Kevin Keenan, RB; Elliot Miller, WR; P.J. Petrarco, DT; Michael Trempe, TE; Jason Wilson, CB.

**Strengths:** The line and the receiving corps are the strengths of the offense. Miller will flag down Black's passes, and tight end could be a strength if Trempe is healthy. Eck set the school record for tackles in '93.

**Weaknesses:** A pass rush was non-existent last season, and the Red Flash needs a good one. Black has only two games of experience under his belt.

**Outlook:** Topping last season's 3-7 ledger seems improbable. **Schedule:** At Gannon (Pa.), Sept. 3; at Duquesne, Sept. 10; Sacred Heart (Conn.), Sept. 17; Bethany (W.Va.), Sept. 24; Mercyhurst (Pa.), Oct. 1; at Monmouth, Oct. 8; at Central Connecticut State, Oct. 22; Robert Morris, Oct. 29; at Marist, Nov. 5; Wagner, Nov. 12.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Red Flash.

**Site:** Loretto, Pa.

## ST. MARY'S

**Coach:** Mike Rasmussen (24-15-1, 4 years).

**1993 record:** 6-3-1.

**Top players:** Peter Baichtal, LB; Coley Connelly, QB; George Pettrissans, DL; Domingo Ruiz, DL; Lavelle Townsend, DB; Blake Tuffi, WR; David Walker, OL.

**Strengths:** The Gaels will go as far as their veteran defensive front seven can take them. The offense has a bright spot in leading receiver Tuffi.

**Weaknesses:** The Gaels must find themselves a new quarterback, and he'll be working behind a line that is missing three starters and the tight end.

**Outlook:** With rich talent surrounding the new quarterback, the Gaels' hopes of topping last year's six victories appear promising. **Schedule:** San Francisco State, Sept. 3; at San Diego, Sept. 10; Sonoma State (Calif.), Sept. 17; at UC Davis, Sept. 24; Humboldt State (Calif.), Oct. 1; at Chico (Calif.) State, Oct. 8; Cal State Northridge, Oct. 15; at Southern Utah, Oct. 22; at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Oct. 29; Cal State Sacramento, Nov. 5.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Gaels.

**Site:** Moraga, Calif.

## SAMFORD

**Coach:** Pete Hurt (first year).

**1993 record:** 5-6.

**Top players:** Damian Hines, RB; Anthony Jordan, TB/WR; Lance Mattes, C; Chad Mobley, NG; Jeremy Perkins, LB; Derek Staley, RB; Bart Yancey, QB.

**Strengths:** Fourteen starters return, including all-everything Perkins. Mattes anchors a solid, veteran offensive line that will clear a path for Hines. Yancey proved himself in his first collegiate season by throwing for 1,638 yards.

**Weaknesses:** The depth along the defensive line is thin, and question marks punctuate a kicking game that was horrendous in 1993.

**Outlook:** The schedule won't help any, but with 42 seasoned sophomores back, Hurt's first season at the helm could be a notable one.

**Schedule:** Bethel (Tenn.), Sept. 3; at Eastern Kentucky, Sept. 10; at Tennessee Tech, Sept. 17; Nicholls State, Oct. 1; Central Florida, Oct. 8; Mississippi College, Oct. 15; at Southern Mississippi, Oct. 22; Alcorn State, Oct. 29; at Morgan State, Nov. 5; Austin Peay State, Nov. 12; at Troy State, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1992.

**Nickname:** Bulldogs.

**Site:** Birmingham, Ala.

## SOUTHERN UTAH

**Coach:** Jack Bishop (74-58-4, 13 years).

**1993 record:** 3-7-1.

**Top players:** Clint Baird, LB; Shawn Blackham, DL; Jeff Galyean, DE; Shawn Jones, WR; Curtis Lindsey, RB; Melvin Lowe, WR; Rick Robins, QB.

**Strengths:** Just a junior, Robins has two years of starting experience and 3,507 passing yards on his dossier. Jones and Lowe both have fleet feet and big-play ability. Galyean, Blackham and Baird lead a rebuilding defense.

**Weaknesses:** The offensive line needs four new starters and a couple of running backs must be found. Five standout defenders, including three-fourths of the secondary, have departed. The kicking game needs help.

**Outlook:** Bishop calls this team his youngest ever. Still, with Robins taking the snaps, there's hope for a banner campaign. **Schedule:** Idaho, Sept. 3; at Northern Arizona, Sept. 10; Western (Colo.) State, Sept. 17; Eastern New Mexico, Sept. 24; at UC Davis, Oct. 1; Weber State, Oct. 15; St. Mary's, Oct. 22; Cal State Sacramento, Oct. 29; Cal State Northridge, Nov. 5; at Portland (Ore.) State, Nov. 12; at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Thunderbirds.

**Site:** Cedar City, Utah.

## TOWSON STATE

**Coach:** Gordy Combs (13-7, 2 years).

**1993 record:** 8-2.

**Top players:** Mike Arbutina, LB; Alan Brown, OG; Marcellus Campbell, CB; Dan Crowley, QB; Brian McCarty, TB; Mark Orlando, WR; Eric Peterson, OG.

**Strengths:** The record-smashing Crowley can air it out with the best of them, and he'll be doing so often to favorite target Orlando. McCarty is on track to rewrite all of Towson State's rushing records. Campbell and Arbutina are the stars on a rebuilding defense.

**Weaknesses:** A center and two tackles must be found for the offensive line. There isn't much after McCarty at running back. The defensive line, sapped of its top players by graduation, needs an overhaul.

**Outlook:** The Tigers were disappointed when they didn't get an invitation to the I-AA playoffs last season. Perhaps this is the year that their first postseason bid arrives.

**Schedule:** Buffalo, Sept. 10; Delaware State (at Wilmington, Del.), Sept. 17; at Charleston Southern, Sept. 24; at Howard, Oct. 1; at Bucknell, Oct. 8; American International (Mass.), Oct. 22; at Hofstra, Oct. 29; Kutztown (Pa.) State, Nov. 5; at Southern Connecticut, Nov. 12; Morgan State, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Tigers.

**Site:** Towson, Md.

## TROY STATE

**Coach:** Larry Blakeney (27-8-1, 3 years).

**1993 record:** 12-1-1 (including 2-1 in I-AA playoffs).

**Top players:** Cedrick Brooks, FS; Troy Eliason, C; Bob Hall, OT; Sherman James, DE; Robert Kilow, WR; Illya Lawrence, LB; Byron Powell, DT.

**Strengths:** With James attacking quarterbacks from either side, the defensive line should wreak havoc. Brooks ranks among I-AA's premier defensive backs. If someone can throw the ball, Kilow can catch it. Kilow's kick-return abilities make the special teams strong.

**Weaknesses:** With the pass-catch tandem of Kelvin Simmons

and Orlando Parker no longer around, the offense may rely more on the run. A pair of defensive backs must be found.

**Outlook:** The Trojans can't fly much higher than they did in '93, when they reached I-AA's final four in their first season as a playing member.

**Schedule:** At Connecticut, Sept. 10; at Northwestern Louisiana, Sept. 17; Alabama State, Sept. 24; at Northwestern State, Oct. 1; Nicholls State, Oct. 8; Charleston Southern, Oct. 15; at Central Florida, Oct. 22; at Western Kentucky, Oct. 29; at Cincinnati, Nov. 5; at Alcorn State, Nov. 12; Samford, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1993.

**Nickname:** Trojans.

**Site:** Troy, Ala.

## WAGNER

**Coach:** Walt Hameline (104-32-2, 13 years).

**1993 record:** 9-2.

**Top players:** Pat Connolly, WR; Jason Cue, QB; Anthony Harper, DE; Tremayne Hughes, TB; Kito Lockwood, RB; William Snell, DT; Bill Sommers, TE.

**Strengths:** Cue smashed a score of school passing records last season, and the offense should remain prolific with his return and that of Lockwood, Hughes, Connolly and Sommers. The offensive line and secondary return four starters each, and Harper leads an experienced defensive line.

**Weaknesses:** The Seahawks led I-AA in rushing defense in 1993, but their two leading tacklers, Bryan Devone and Ryan Tobin, are gone. The kicking game is sure to struggle, too, following Dan Ricciardi's departure.

**Outlook:** The perennially powerful Seahawks should soar high once again.

**Schedule:** At Springfield (Mass.), Sept. 9; at C.W. Post (N.Y.), Sept. 17; Marist, Sept. 24; Monmouth, Oct. 1; San Diego, Oct. 8; Robert Morris, Oct. 15; at Iowa, Oct. 22; at Central Connecticut State, Oct. 29; St. Peter's, Nov. 5; at St. Francis (Pa.), Nov. 12.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** None.

**Nickname:** Seahawks.

**Site:** Staten Island, N.Y.

## WESTERN KENTUCKY

**Coach:** Jack Harbaugh (23-30, 5 years; 48-57-3 overall, 10 years).

**1993 record:** 8-3.

**Top players:** Sheldon Benoit, LB; Danny Davis, DT; Antwan Floyd, TB; J.J. Jewell, QB; Ty Koon, OG; Lito Mason, WR; Bob McGrath, SS; Davion Sarver, TB.

**Strengths:** Jewell, who has talent but lacks experience, will throw to the small-but-productive Mason. At running back, Floyd and Sarver will get the bulk of the handoffs. The forte of this team, however, is defense, where Davis holds forth.

**Weaknesses:** Three members of the most productive backfield in school history are gone, including quarterback Eddie Thompson. There are holes at wide receiver and tight end, too. The defensive line needs work and the place-kicking needs help.

**Outlook:** The Hilltoppers, ignored for last season's I-AA playoff field, are out to prove their worth. It may be a tough task.

**Schedule:** Eastern Kentucky, Sept. 1; Austin Peay State, Sept. 17; at Central Florida, Sept. 24; at Alabama-Birmingham, Oct. 1; Portland (Ore.) State, Oct. 8; at Jacksonville (Ala.) State, Oct. 15; Southern Illinois, Oct. 22; Troy State, Oct. 29; Indiana State, Nov. 5; at Eastern Illinois, Nov. 12; at Murray State, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1988.

**Nickname:** Hilltoppers.

**Site:** Bowling Green, Ky.

## YOUNGSTOWN STATE

**Coach:** Jim Tressel (70-33-1, 8 years).

**1993 record:** 13-2 (including 4-0 in I-AA playoffs).

**Top players:** Mark Brungard, QB; Leon Jones, LB; Reginald Lee, LB; Ray Miller, OL; Charles Perdue, RB; Chris Sammarone, C; Lester Weaver, DB.

**Strengths:** The Penguins have a terrorizing corps of linebackers spearheaded by Jones and Lee. A beefy offensive line that welcomes back Sammarone and Miller should pave the way for the productive Perdue. Brungard is an underrated, poised passer who directed Youngstown State to the Division I-AA championship in his first season as a starter.

**Weaknesses:** Last year's monster backfield of Tamron Smith and Darnell Clark, one of I-AA's best ever, is gone. The kicking game will take its lumps following Jeff Wilkins' exit.

**Outlook:** The Penguins will be back in the I-AA title game. **Schedule:** Stephen F. Austin State, Sept. 1; at Delaware State, Sept. 10; Eastern Kentucky, Sept. 17; Slippery Rock (Pa.), Sept. 24; McNeese State, Oct. 1; North Alabama, Oct. 8; Kent, Oct. 15; Akron, Oct. 29; at Buffalo, Nov. 5; at Massachusetts, Nov. 12; at Indiana State, Nov. 19.

**Last I-AA playoff appearance:** 1993.

**Nickname:** Penguins.

**Site:** Youngstown, O.

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# Scouting Division II

By JERRY FELTS

Florence TimesDaily

**N**orth Alabama Coach Bobby Wallace has 43 lettermen, including 15 starters, returning from last year's 14-0 national championship team. The Lions captured their first Division II football title with a 41-34 victory over Indiana (Pa.) in the 1993 title game. In addition to its always-tough Gulf South Conference schedule, North Alabama will play defending Division I-AA champion Youngstown State in Youngstown, O., on October 8. It will mark the first time the defending champions of divisions I-AA and II have met.

Portland (Ore.) State, a Division II independent, faces its most challenging schedule ever in 1994. The Vikings open their season at Oregon and play five I-AA opponents, including road games at Western Kentucky and Idaho State. Portland State also plays host to Division II playoff semifinalist Texas A&M-Kingsville and travels to Angelo (Tex.) State.

**NOTES:** North Dakota and North Dakota State are celebrating their football centennials in 1994. The Fighting Sioux and the Bison will meet for the 98th time on October 29 in Fargo, making it the oldest rivalry in Division II. North Dakota leads the series, 52-42-3. . . . Pittsburg (Kan.) State has won more games since 1985 than any other NCAA school. The Gorillas, who are 100-12-1 over the last nine seasons, have four more victories over that span than Miami (Fla.) and Georgia Southern. In four years as a member of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association,

the Gorillas are an astounding 43-1-1 in conference games. Two of the leading candidates for the ninth annual Harlon Hill Trophy will meet on October 8 when New Haven (Conn.) visits Valdosta (Ga.) State. New Haven running back Roger Graham earned the award as a junior last year after accumulating 2,319 all-purpose yards and leading the division in scoring. Valdosta State quarterback Chris Hatcher, fourth in the Hill Trophy balloting in 1993, set 20 school marks, 13 conference standards and five national records last season. . . . Among the candidates competing to replace two-time all-conference quarterback Matt Cook at Missouri Southern is Doug Switzer, a transfer from Oklahoma and the son of Dallas Cowboys Coach Barry Switzer. Another former Sooner, Earnest Williams, is a starting running back at Fort Hays State. . . . Indiana (Pa.) is the only Division II team to rank among the nation's top 20 at the end of every season since 1984. . . . Ferris State is unbeaten in its last 18 Midwest Intercollegiate Conference games. . . . North Alabama's 14-game winning streak is the longest current string in NCAA play. Division III Mount Union (Ohio) has a 13-game victory streak. Division I-AA Pennsylvania has won 12 consecutive games and Auburn has Division I's longest string at 11 games. . . . Has there ever been a more aptly named place-kicker than Ryan Achilles of Fort Hays State? . . . Despite finishing tied for third in the league last season, North Dakota State has won 22 North Central Conference championships in the last 30 years. The Bison are 270-62-4 overall since 1964.

## The Sporting News PREDICTIONS

### DIVISION II TOP 10

#### 1. NORTH ALABAMA

The defending NCAA Division II champion Lions return 15 starters from last season.

#### 2. TEXAS A&M-KINGSVILLE

The Javelinas have 16 starters back from their '93 team, which advanced to the national semifinals.

#### 3. PITTSBURG (KAN.) STATE

The Gorillas return five starters on each side of the ball, including All-America free safety Chris Brown.

#### 4. HAMPTON (VA.)

Quarterback Matt Montgomery and 13 other returning starters hope to win the national title.

#### 5. INDIANA (PA.)

Coach Frank Cignetti says defense builds winning teams; he has seven defensive starters back.

#### 6. NORTH DAKOTA STATE

After missing the playoffs for the first time since 1987, the Bison should be back this year.

#### 7. VALDOSTA (GA.) STATE

Quarterback Chris Hatcher and 19 other returning starters make the Blazers a threat to win it all.

#### 8. NEW HAVEN (CONN.)

The offense will be built around running back Roger Graham, the 1993 Harlon Hill Trophy winner.

#### 9. PORTLAND (ORE.) STATE

There's a solid nucleus of seven returning starters on defense, but the offense must be rebuilt.

#### 10. FORT HAYS STATE (KAN.)

The Tigers welcome back 17 starters after earning the school's first-ever bid to the Division II playoffs.

## PRESEASON DIVISION II ALL-AMERICA TEAM

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
WR	GREG HOPKINS, Slippery Rock (Pa.)	Sr.
WR	JOSH NELSEN, Mankato (Minn.) State	Sr.
TE	MARIO HANSBROUGH, Mississippi College	Sr.
L	KEVIN DOGINS, Texas A&M-Kingsville	Jr.
L	FLO GONZALEZ, Central Oklahoma	Sr.
L	GREG HOOD, Wofford (S.C.)	Jr.
L	STEVE HYNES, East Stroudsburg (Pa.)	Sr.
L	MIKE SHELDON, Grand Valley State (Mich.)	Sr.
QB	CHRIS HATCHER, Valdosta (Ga.) State	Sr.
RB	ROGER GRAHAM, New Haven (Conn.)	Sr.
RB	BOBBY PHILLIPS, Virginia Union	Sr.

### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
L	SEAN HOLCOMB, Texas A&M-Kingsville	Sr.
L	DARON ROGERS, Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	Sr.
L	DONTA SIMPSON, Missouri Western	Sr.
LB	MIKE BROOKS, Ferris State (Mich.)	Sr.
LB	RONALD MCKINNON, North Alabama	Jr.
LB	MIKE MOONEY, North Dakota	Sr.
LB	JEFF PEASE, Northern Colorado	Sr.
DB	CHRIS BROWN, Pittsburg (Kan.) State	Jr.
DB	ROBERT BURNETT, Elon (N.C.)	Sr.
DB	CEDRIC FLORENCE, Missouri Southern	Sr.
DB	STEVE RUSSELL, Edinboro (Pa.)	Sr.

### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Class
PK	BRIAN PORZIO, Wofford (S.C.)	Sr.
P	CARL CHESTER LYLES III, J.C. Smith (N.C.)	Sr.
KR	DAVE LUDY, Winona (Minn.) State	Sr.

### PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

#### OFFENSE:

ROGER GRAHAM, RB, New Haven (Conn.)

#### DEFENSE:

RONALD MCKINNON, LB, North Alabama

## DIVISION II DATA

### 1993 LEADERS

(Returning players only)

**Rushing:** Roger Graham, New Haven (Conn.), 168.7 yds./game (182 att., 1,687 yds., 19 TDs, 9.3 avg.).

**Passing efficiency:** James Weir, New Haven (Conn.), 172.0 rating pts. (266 att., 161 comp., 2,336 yds., 31 TDs).

**Total offense:** Chris Hatcher, Valdosta (Ga.) State, 321.1 yds./game (-119 yds. rushing, 3,651 yds. passing, 3,532 total yds.).

**Receiving:** Chris George, Glenville (W.Va.) State, 11.7 rec./game (117 rec., 1,876 yds., 15 TDs, 16.0 avg.).

**Scoring:** Roger Graham, New Haven, 13.8 pts./game (23 TDs, 0 PATs, 0 FGs, 138 pts.).

### 1993 PLAYOFFS

#### FIRST ROUND

North Alabama 38, Carson-Newman (Tenn.) 28  
Hampton (Va.) 33, Albany (Ga.) State 7  
Texas A&M-Kingsville 50, Portland (Ore.) State 15  
UC Davis 37, Fort Hays State (Kan.) 34  
Mankato (Minn.) State 34, Missouri Southern 13  
North Dakota State 17, Pittsburg (Kan.) State 14  
New Haven (Conn.) 48, Edinboro (Pa.) 28  
Indiana (Pa.) 28, Ferris State (Mich.) 21

#### QUARTERFINALS

North Alabama 45, Hampton 20  
Texas A&M-Kingsville 51, UC Davis 28  
North Dakota State 54, Mankato State 21  
Indiana 38, New Haven 35

#### SEMIFINALS

Indiana 21, North Dakota State 6  
North Alabama 27, Texas A&M-Kingsville 25

#### CHAMPIONSHIP

North Alabama 41, Indiana 34



# Scouting Division III

By JERRY FELTS

Florence TimesDaily

St. John's (Minn.) Coach John Gagliardi needs just nine victories to surpass Amos Alonzo Stagg for fourth place on the NCAA list for career coaching victories.

Gagliardi, 67, has a career record of 306-96-10, which puts him fifth on the all-time list and second among active coaches. Only Grambling's Eddie Robinson (currently at 388), Paul (Bear) Bryant (323), Pop Warner (319) and Stagg (314) have won more games than Gagliardi.

Gagliardi is known for a unique coaching style that includes no blocking sleds or dummies, no whistles, no hitting in practice and no forced running. He has guided St. John's to three national championships (1963, 1965 and 1976), and last season his team reached the Division III semifinals. The 1993 Johnnies became the first college team ever to score more than 700 points in a season (702 points in 13 games).

**NOTES:** Coach Ron Schipper of Central (Ia.) also ranks high on the all-time victory list. Schipper, who has piloted the Flying Dutchmen to 33 consecutive winning seasons (the all-time record for a head coach), trails only Robinson and Gagliardi among all active coaches. Schipper is 260-62-3 in 33 seasons at Central. . . . A new era begins at Ithaca (N.Y.) College this fall following the retirement of Jim Butterfield, who guided the Bombers to their 23rd straight winning season (6-4) last year. Butterfield's career record of 206-71-1 places him 18th on the NCAA's all-time victory

list, and he led Ithaca to a record seven Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl berths (the Bombers won national titles in 1979, 1988 and 1991). Butterfield was succeeded by Michael Welch, a longtime Ithaca assistant and a former team captain. . . . The oldest small-college rivalry in the South will reach a milestone on November 12 when Virginia schools Hampden-Sydney and Randolph-Macon meet for the 100th time. Hampden-Sydney leads the series, 50-38-11. . . . Defending national champion Mount Union (Ohio) enters the season with a 25-game winning streak in regular-season play. The Raiders also are unbeaten in their last 37 Ohio Athletic Conference home games (34-0-3), a streak that dates to November 1984. . . . Susquehanna (Pa.) fullback Pete Borriello is proof that dynamite can come in small packages. Borriello, a 5-foot-5, 190-pound senior, earned All-Middle Atlantic Conference honors last season after rushing for 867 yards and six touchdowns for the Crusaders. He finished second in the league rushing race and his yardage total was the third highest in school history. . . . The Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association is the oldest collegiate conference in the United States. The 1994 season will be its 95th year of football. . . . Washington and Lee (Va.) sophomore quarterback Brooks Fischer has a readily available source if he needs advice. His older brother, Spence, has started at quarterback for Duke in the last two seasons. Spence Fischer finished 24th in Division I-A total offense (233.5 yards per game) last season. . . . Speaking of bloodlines, Washington & Lee safety Chris Dalton's father, John, is U.S. Secretary of the Navy.

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### PREDICTIONS

#### DIVISION III TOP 10

##### 1. WASH. & JEFF. (PA.)

The Presidents have the firepower to finally capture the school's first Division III championship.

##### 2. ROWAN (N.J.)

Twelve starters return, including the top three tacklers from last year's national runner-up team.

##### 3. WISCONSIN-LACROSSE

The Eagles have won at least 10 games each of the last three seasons. They should make it four.

##### 4. FROSTBURG (MD.) STATE

The Bobcats bring back all but one starter from an offense that averaged 33 points per game.

##### 5. ST. JOHN'S (MINN.)

Eight starters are back from an offense that rolled up 702 points and averaged 495.2 yards per game.

##### 6. MOUNT UNION (OHIO)

Jim Ballard, Player of the Year in Division III, is gone, but seven defensive starters are back.

##### 7. ALLEGHENY (PA.)

A solid returning cast hopes to extend the Gators' recent tradition of excellence.

##### 8. AUGUSTANA (ILL.)

A total of 18 starters, nine each on offense and defense, return for longtime coach Bob Reade.

##### 9. CENTRAL (IOWA)

The Flying Dutchmen must rebuild their defensive line, but the offensive unit should be fine.

##### 10. ALBION (MICH.)

Eight returning defensive starters should help the Britons return to the playoffs.

DIVISION III

## PRESEASON DIVISION III ALL-AMERICA TEAM

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
WR	ROB LOKERSON, Muhlenberg (Pa.)	Sr.
WR	SAMMY WILLIAMS, Defiance (Ohio)	Sr.
TE	JASON RICHARDS, Illinois Wesleyan	Sr.
L	BRAD GOE, Allegheny (Pa.)	Sr.
L	JEFF HELLE, Central (Iowa)	Sr.
L	TIM FELDMAN, Frostburg (Md.) State	Sr.
L	MATT JOHNSON, Mount Union (Ohio)	Sr.
L	JAMEY PARKER, Wartburg (Iowa)	Sr.
QB	CHRIS DEE, Carnegie Mellon (Pa.)	Sr.
RB	CAREY BENDER, Coe (Ia.)	Sr.
RB	MATT MALMBERG, St. John's (Minn.)	Sr.

### DEFENSE

Pos.	Name, School	Class
L	JEFF BARGIEL, Montclair (N.J.) State	Jr.
L	JAKE COLE, Wilkes (Pa.)	Sr.
L	MATT SZCZYPINSKI, Wash. & Jeff. (Pa.)	Sr.
LB	IAN ALLENA, Moravian (Pa.)	Sr.
LB	GARVEN HADDEN, William Paterson (N.J.)	Sr.
LB	RUSTY VANWETZINGA, Augustana (Ill.)	Jr.
LB	TONY ZITO, Buffalo (N.Y.) State	Sr.
DB	CHRIS JONES, Colorado College	Jr.
DB	KRUMIE MABRY, Alfred (N.Y.)	Jr.
DB	SCOTT MILLER, Lycoming (Pa.)	Sr.
DB	RANDY SIMPSON, Wisconsin-Stevens Point	Sr.

### SPECIALISTS

Pos.	Name, School	Class
PK	JOE METZKA, Knox (Ill.)	Jr.
P	VIC MONCATO, FDU-Madison	Sr.
KR	JOSH PERKINS, Ohio Northern	Soph.

### PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

#### OFFENSE:

CAREY BENDER, RB, Coe (Ia.)

#### DEFENSE:

JEFF BARGIEL, DL, Montclair (N.J.) State

## DIVISION III DATA

### 1993 LEADERS

(Returning players only)

**Rushing:** Rob Marchitello, Maine Maritime, 158.9 yds./game (289 att., 1,430 yds., 15 TDs, 4.9 avg.).  
**Passing efficiency:** Paul Bell, Allegheny (Pa.), 159.0 rating pts. (156 att., 92 comp., 1,467 yds., 13 TDs).  
**Total offense:** LeRoy Williams, Upsala (N.J.), 289.3 yds./game (539 yds. rushing, 2,065 yds. passing, 2,604 total yds.).  
**Receiving:** Rob Lokerson, Muhlenberg (Pa.), 8.4 rec./game (76 rec., 1,275 yds., 6 TDs, 16.8 avg.) and Sam Williams, Defiance (O.), 8.4 rec./game (84 rec., 1,209 yds., 14 TDs, 14.4 avg.).  
**Scoring:** Matt Malmberg, St. John's (Minn.), 16.4 pts./game (27 TDs, 2 PATs, 0 FGs, 164 pts.).

### 1993 PLAYOFFS

#### FIRST ROUND

Mount Union (O.) 40, Allegheny (Pa.) 7  
 Albion (Mich.) 41, Anderson (Ind.) 21  
 Wisconsin-LaCrosse 55, Wartburg (Iowa) 26  
 St. John's (Minn.) 31, Coe (Iowa) 14  
 Washington & Jefferson (Pa.) 27, Moravian (Pa.) 7  
 Frostburg (Md.) State 26, Wilkes (Pa.) 25  
 Rowan (N.J.) 29, Buffalo State 6  
 William Paterson (N.J.) 17, Union (N.Y.) 7

#### QUARTERFINALS

Mount Union 30, Albion 16  
 St. John's 47, Wisconsin-LaCrosse 25  
 Washington & Jefferson 28, Frostburg State 7  
 Rowan 37, William Paterson 0

#### SEMIFINALS

Mount Union 56, St. John's 8  
 Rowan 23, Washington & Jefferson 16

#### CHAMPIONSHIP

Mount Union 34, Rowan 24



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## COACHING CHANGES

DIVISION I-A		
School	Former coach	New coach
Boston College	Tom Coughlin	Dan Henning
Central Michigan	Herb Deromedi	Dick Flynn*
Cincinnati	Tim Murphy	Rick Minter
Clemson	Ken Hatfield	Tommy West†
Duke	Barry Wilson	Fred Goldsmith
Kent	Pete Cordelli	Jim Corrigan
Missouri	Bob Stull	Larry Smith
Nevada	Jeff Horton	Chris Ault
Northeast Louisiana	Dave Roberts	Ed Zaunbrecher
Rice	Fred Goldsmith	Ken Hatfield
San Diego State	Al Luginbill	Ted Tollner
South Carolina	Sparky Woods	Brad Scott
UNLV	Jim Strong	Jeff Horton
Texas-El Paso	David Lee	Charlie Bailey††

\*interim

†West coached Clemson in the Peach Bowl.

††Bailey replaced Lee after seven games.



Dan Henning



Larry Smith

DIVISION I-AA		
School	Former coach	New coach
Bethune-Cookman	Sylvester Collins	Jack (Cy) McClairn
Brown	Mickey Kwiatkowski	Mark Whipple
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	Lyle Setencich	Andre Patterson
Connecticut	Tom Jackson	Skip Holtz
Eastern Washington	Dick Zornes	Mike Kramer
Florida A&M	Ken Riley	William (Billy) Joe
Fordham	Larry Glueck	Nick Quartaro
Furman	Jimmy Satterfield	Bobby Johnson
Harvard	Joe Restic	Tim Murphy
Lehigh	Hank Small	Kevin Higgins
North Texas	Dennis Parker	Matt Simon
St. Peter's	Roy Miller	Mark Collins
Samford	Chan Gailey	Pete Hurt
Southern Illinois	Bob Smith	Shawn Watson
Texas Southern	Walter Highsmith	Bill Thomas
UT-Chattanooga	Tommy West	Buddy Green
Virginia Military Institute	Jim Shuck	Bill Stewart

## COLLEGE BOWL GAMES SCHEDULE

Game	Site	Date	Last season's result
Builders Square Alamo Bowl	San Antonio, Tex.	Dec. 31	California 37, Iowa 3
Carquest Bowl	Miami	Jan. 2	Boston College 31, Virginia 13
CompUSA Florida Citrus Bowl	Orlando, Fla.	Jan. 2	Penn State 31, Tennessee 13
Federal Express Orange Bowl	Miami	Jan. 1	Florida State 18, Nebraska 16
Freedom Bowl	Anaheim, Calif.	Dec. 29	Southern Cal 28, Utah 21
Hall of Fame Bowl	Tampa, Fla.	Jan. 2	Michigan 42, N. Carolina State 7
IBM OS/2 Fiesta Bowl	Tempe, Ariz.	Jan. 2	Arizona 29, Miami (Fla.) 0
Jeep Eagle Aloha Bowl	Honolulu	Dec. 25	Colorado 41, Fresno State 30
John Hancock Bowl	El Paso, Tex.	Dec. 30	Oklahoma 41, Texas Tech 10
Las Vegas Bowl	Las Vegas	Dec. 17	Utah State 42, Ball State 33
Mobil Cotton Bowl	Dallas	Jan. 2	Notre Dame 24, Texas A&M 21
Outback Steakhouse Gator Bowl	Gainesville, Fla.	Jan. 1	Alabama 24, North Carolina 10
Peach Bowl	Atlanta	Jan. 1	Clemson 14, Kentucky 13
Poulan/Weed Eater Independence Bowl	Shreveport, La.	Dec. 27	Virginia Tech 45, Indiana 20
Rose Bowl	Pasadena, Calif.	Jan. 2	Wisconsin 21, UCLA 16
St. Jude Liberty Bowl	Memphis, Tenn.	TBA	Louisville 18, Michigan State 7
Thrifty Car Rental Holiday Bowl	San Diego	Dec. 30	Ohio State 28, Brigham Young 21
USF&G Sugar Bowl	New Orleans	Jan. 2	Florida 41, West Virginia 7
Weiser Lock Copper Bowl	Tucson, Ariz.	Dec. 29	Kansas State 52, Wyoming 17

## 1993 FINAL POLLS

TSN	AP	USA TODAY/CNN
1. Florida State	1. Florida State	1. Florida State
2. Notre Dame	2. Notre Dame	2. Notre Dame
3. Nebraska	3. Nebraska	3. Nebraska
4. Florida	4. Auburn	4. Florida
5. Auburn	5. Florida	5. Wisconsin
6. Wisconsin	6. Wisconsin	6. West Virginia
7. Texas A&M	7. West Virginia	7. Penn State
8. Penn State	8. Penn State	8. Texas A&M
9. Arizona	9. Texas A&M	9. Arizona
10. West Virginia	10. Arizona	10. Ohio State
11. Ohio State	11. Ohio State	11. Tennessee
12. Tennessee	12. Tennessee	12. Boston College
13. Boston College	13. Boston College	13. Alabama
14. Alabama	14. Alabama	14. Oklahoma
15. Miami (Fla.)	15. Miami (Fla.)	15. Miami (Fla.)
16. Colorado	16. Colorado	16. Colorado
17. Michigan	17. Oklahoma	17. UCLA
18. UCLA	18. UCLA	18. Kansas State
19. Oklahoma	19. North Carolina	19. Michigan
20. North Carolina	20. Kansas State	20. Virginia Tech



Charlie Ward won the Heisman Trophy and guided Florida State to the national title.

## KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

AP—all-purpose player	ILB—inside linebacker	pts.—points
ATH—athlete	Int.—interceptions	pts./game—points per game
att.—attempts	Int./game—interceptions per game	QB—quarterback
avg.—average	JC—junior college	RB—running back
C—center	Jr.—junior	rec.—receptions
CB—cornerback	K—place-kicker	rec./game—receptions per game
comp.—completions	KR—kick returner	RS—sat out 1993 as a redshirt
DB—defensive back	L—lineman	S—safety
DE—defensive end	LB—linebacker	SB—slotback
DL—defensive lineman	MG—middle guard	SE—split end
DT—defensive tackle	NG—noseguard	Soph.—sophomore
E—end	NT—nose tackle	Sr.—senior
FB—fullback	OL—offensive lineman	St.—State
FG/game—field goals per game	OLB—outside linebacker	T—tackle
FGs—field goals	OT—offensive tackle	TB—tailback
FL—flanker	P—punter	TDs—touchdowns
Fr.—freshman	PATs—points after touchdown	TE—tight end
G—guard	PK—place-kicker	WB—wingback
HB—halfback	Prop 48—failed to meet the academic requirements of Proposition 48 last year	WR—wide receiver
H-B—H-back		yds.—yards
IB—I-back		yds./game—yards per game



## DIVISION I-A AWARD WINNERS

\*Junior.

†Sophomore.

All others seniors.

## HEISMAN TROPHY

(Top player/Downtown Athletic Club of New York)

Year—Player, College, Pos.

- 1935—Jay Benwanger, Chicago, HB  
 1936—Larry Kelley, Yale, E  
 1937—Clint Frank, Yale, HB  
 1938—Davey O'Brien, TCU, QB  
 1939—Nile Kinnick, Iowa, HB  
 1940—Tom Harmon, Michigan, HB  
 1941—Bruce Smith, Minnesota, HB  
 1942—Frank Sinkwich, Georgia, HB  
 1943—Angelo Bertelli, Notre Dame, QB  
 1944—Les Horvath, Ohio State, QB  
 1945—Doc Blanchard, Army, FB\*  
 1946—Glenn Davis, Army, HB  
 1947—John Lujack, Notre Dame, QB  
 1948—Doak Walker, SMU, HB\*  
 1949—Leon Hart, Notre Dame, E  
 1950—Vic Janowicz, Ohio State, HB\*  
 1951—Dick Kazmaier, Princeton, HB  
 1952—Billy Vessels, Oklahoma, HB  
 1953—John Lattner, Notre Dame, HB  
 1954—Alan Ameche, Wisconsin, FB  
 1955—Howard Cassady, Ohio State, HB  
 1956—Paul Hornung, Notre Dame, QB  
 1957—John David Crow, Tex. A&M, HB  
 1958—Pete Dawkins, Army, HB  
 1959—Billy Cannon, LSU, HB  
 1960—Joe Bellino, Navy, HB  
 1961—Ernie Davis, Syracuse, HB  
 1962—Terry Baker, Oregon State, QB  
 1963—Roger Staubach, Navy, QB\*  
 1964—John Huarte, Notre Dame, QB  
 1965—Mike Garrett, Southern Cal, HB  
 1966—Steve Spurrier, Florida, QB  
 1967—Gary Beban, UCLA, QB  
 1968—O.J. Simpson, Southern Cal, HB  
 1969—Steve Owens, Oklahoma, HB  
 1970—Jim Plunkett, Stanford, QB  
 1971—Pat Sullivan, Auburn, QB  
 1972—Johnny Rodgers, Nebraska, FL  
 1973—John Cappelletti, Penn State, HB  
 1974—Archie Griffin, Ohio State, HB\*  
 1975—Archie Griffin, Ohio State, HB  
 1976—Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh, HB  
 1977—Earl Campbell, Texas, HB  
 1978—Billy Sims, Oklahoma, HB\*  
 1979—Charles White, Southern Cal, HB  
 1980—George Rogers, S. Carolina, HB  
 1981—Marcus Allen, Southern Cal, HB  
 1982—Herschel Walker, Georgia, HB\*  
 1983—Mike Rozier, Nebraska, HB  
 1984—Doug Flutie, Boston College, QB  
 1985—Bo Jackson, Auburn, HB  
 1986—Vinny Testaverde, Miami, QB  
 1987—Tim Brown, Notre Dame, FL  
 1988—Barry Sanders, Okla. St., HB\*  
 1989—Andre Ware, Houston, QB\*  
 1990—Ty Detmer, Brigham Young, QB\*  
 1991—Desmond Howard, Mich., WR\*  
 1992—Gino Torretta, Miami (Fla.), QB  
 1993—Charlie Ward, Florida State, QB

## MAXWELL AWARD

(Top player/Maxwell Football Club of Philadelphia)

Year—Player, College, Pos.

- 1937—Clint Frank, Yale, HB  
 1938—Davey O'Brien, TCU, QB  
 1939—Nile Kinnick, Iowa, HB  
 1940—Tom Harmon, Michigan, HB  
 1941—Bill Dudley, Virginia, HB  
 1942—Paul Gornall, Columbia, QB  
 1943—Bob Odell, Pennsylvania, HB  
 1944—Glenn Davis, Army, HB  
 1945—Doc Blanchard, Army, HB\*  
 1946—Charley Trippi, Georgia, HB  
 1947—Doak Walker, SMU, HB†  
 1948—Chuck Bednarik, Penn. C  
 1949—Leon Hart, Notre Dame, E  
 1950—Reds Bagnell, Pennsylvania, HB  
 1951—Dick Kazmaier, Princeton, HB  
 1952—John Lattner, Notre Dame, HB  
 1953—John Lattner, Notre Dame, HB  
 1954—Ron Beagle, Navy, E  
 1955—Howard Cassady, Ohio State, HB  
 1956—Tommy McDonald, Okla., HB  
 1957—Bob Reifsnyder, Navy, T  
 1958—Pete Dawkins, Army, HB  
 1959—Richie Lucas, Penn State, QB  
 1960—Joe Bellino, Navy, HB  
 1961—Bob Ferguson, Ohio State, FB  
 1962—Terry Baker, Oregon State, QB  
 1963—Roger Staubach, Navy, QB\*  
 1964—Glenn Ressler, Penn State, C  
 1965—Tommy Nobis, Texas, LB  
 1966—Jim Lynch, Notre Dame, LB  
 1967—Gary Beban, UCLA, QB  
 1968—O.J. Simpson, Southern Cal, RB  
 1969—Mike Reid, Penn State, DT  
 1970—Jim Plunkett, Stanford, QB  
 1971—Ed Marinaro, Cornell, RB  
 1972—Brad Van Pelt, Michigan St., DB  
 1973—John Cappelletti, Penn State, RB  
 1974—Steve Joachim, Temple, QB  
 1975—Archie Griffin, Ohio State, RB  
 1976—Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh, RB  
 1977—Ross Browner, Notre Dame, DE  
 1978—Chuck Fusina, Penn State, QB  
 1979—Charles White, Southern Cal, RB  
 1980—Hugh Green, Pittsburgh, DE  
 1981—Marcus Allen, Southern Cal, RB  
 1982—Herschel Walker, Georgia, RB\*  
 1983—Mike Rozier, Nebraska, RB  
 1984—Doug Flutie, Boston College, QB  
 1985—Chuck Long, Iowa, QB  
 1986—Vinny Testaverde, Miami, QB  
 1987—Don McPherson, Syracuse, QB  
 1988—Barry Sanders, Okla. St., RB\*  
 1989—Anthony Thompson, Indiana, RB  
 1990—Ty Detmer, BYU, QB\*  
 1991—Desmond Howard, Mich., WR\*  
 1992—Gino Torretta, Miami (Fla.), QB  
 1993—Charlie Ward, Florida State, QB

## OUTLAND TROPHY

(Top interior lineman/Football Writers Association of America)

Year—Player, College, Pos.

- 1946—George Connor, Notre Dame, T  
 1947—Joe Steffy, Army, G

Year—Player, College, Pos.

- 1948—Bill Fischer, Notre Dame, G  
 1949—Ed Bagdon, Michigan State, G  
 1950—Bob Gain, Kentucky, T  
 1951—Jim Weatherall, Oklahoma, T  
 1952—Dick Modzelewski, Maryland, T  
 1953—J.D. Roberts, Oklahoma, G  
 1954—Bill Brooks, Arkansas, G  
 1955—Calvin Jones, Iowa, G  
 1956—Jim Parker, Ohio State, G  
 1957—Alex Karras, Iowa, T  
 1958—Zeke Smith, Auburn, G  
 1959—Mike McGee, Duke, T  
 1960—Tom Brown, Minnesota, G  
 1961—Merlin Olsen, Utah State, T  
 1962—Bobby Bell, Minnesota, T  
 1963—Scott Appleton, Nebraska, MG  
 1964—Steve DeLong, Tennessee, T  
 1965—Tommy Nobis, Texas, G  
 1966—Lloyd Phillips, Arkansas, T  
 1967—Ron Yary, Southern Cal, T  
 1968—Bill Stanfill, Georgia, T  
 1969—Mike Reid, Penn State, DT  
 1970—Jim Stillwagon, Ohio State, MG  
 1971—Larry Jacobson, Nebraska, DT  
 1972—Rich Glover, Nebraska, MG  
 1973—John Hicks, Ohio State, OT  
 1974—Randy White, Maryland, DE  
 1975—Lee Roy Selmon, Oklahoma, DT  
 1976—Ross Browner, Notre Dame, DE\*  
 1977—Brad Shearer, Texas, DT  
 1978—Greg Roberts, Oklahoma, G  
 1979—Jim Ritcher, N.C. State, C  
 1980—Mark May, Pittsburgh, OT  
 1981—Dave Rimington, Nebraska, C\*  
 1982—Dave Rimington, Nebraska, C  
 1983—Dean Steinkuhler, Nebraska, G  
 1984—Bruce Smith, Virginia Tech, DT  
 1985—Mike Ruth, Boston College, NG  
 1986—Jason Buck, Brigham Young, DT  
 1987—Chad Hennings, Air Force, DT  
 1988—Tracy Rocker, Auburn, DT  
 1989—Moe Elewonibi, BYU, OG  
 1990—Russell Maryland, Miami, DT  
 1991—Steve Emtman, Wash., DT\*  
 1992—Will Shields, Nebraska, OG  
 1993—Rob Waldrop, Arizona, NG

## LOMBARDI AWARD

(Top lineman/Rotary Club of Houston)

Year—Player, College, Pos.

- 1970—Jim Stillwagon, Ohio State, MG  
 1971—Walt Patulski, Notre Dame, DE  
 1972—Rich Glover, Nebraska, MG  
 1973—John Hicks, Ohio State, OT  
 1974—Randy White, Maryland, DT  
 1975—Lee Roy Selmon, Oklahoma, DT  
 1976—Wilson Whitley, Houston, DT  
 1977—Ross Browner, Notre Dame, DE  
 1978—Bruce Clark, Penn State, DT  
 1979—Brad Budde, Southern Cal, G  
 1980—Hugh Green, Pittsburgh, DE  
 1981—Kenneth Sims, Texas, DT  
 1982—Dave Rimington, Nebraska, C  
 1983—Dean Steinkuhler, Nebraska, G  
 1984—Tony Degrate, Texas, DT  
 1985—Tony Casillas, Oklahoma, NG  
 1986—Cornelius Bennett, Alabama, LB

Year—Player, College, Pos.

- 1987—Chris Spielman, Ohio State, LB  
 1988—Tracy Rocker, Auburn, DT  
 1989—Percy Snow, Michigan State, LB  
 1990—Chris Zorich, Notre Dame, DT  
 1991—Steve Emtman, Wash., DT\*  
 1992—Marvin Jones, Florida State, LB\*  
 1993—Aaron Taylor, Notre Dame, OT

## DAVEY O'BRIEN AWARD

(Top quarterback/Davey O'Brien Educational and Charitable Trust of Fort Worth, Tex.)

Year—Player, College, Pos.

- 1981—Jim McMahon, Brigham Young  
 1982—Todd Blackledge, Penn State  
 1983—Steve Young, Brigham Young  
 1984—Doug Flutie, Boston College  
 1985—Chuck Long, Iowa  
 1986—Vinny Testaverde, Miami (Fla.)  
 1987—Don McPherson, Syracuse  
 1988—Troy Aikman, UCLA  
 1989—Andre Ware, Houston\*  
 1990—Ty Detmer, Brigham Young\*  
 1991—Ty Detmer, Brigham Young  
 1992—Gino Torretta, Miami (Fla.)  
 1993—Charlie Ward, Florida State

## BUTKUS AWARD

(Top linebacker/Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando, Fla.)

Year—Player, College, Pos.

- 1985—Brian Bosworth, Oklahoma\*  
 1986—Brian Bosworth, Oklahoma  
 1987—Paul McGowan, Florida State  
 1988—Derrick Thomas, Alabama  
 1989—Percy Snow, Michigan State  
 1990—Alfred Williams, Colorado  
 1991—Erick Anderson, Michigan  
 1992—Marvin Jones, Florida State\*  
 1993—Trev Alberts, Nebraska

## JIM THORPE AWARD

(Top defensive back/Jim Thorpe Athletic Club of Oklahoma City)

Year—Player, College, Pos.

- 1986—Thomas Everett, Baylor  
 1987—Bennie Blades, Miami (Fla.)  
 Rickey Dixon, Oklahoma  
 1988—Deion Sanders, Florida State  
 1989—Mark Carrier, Southern Cal\*  
 1990—Darryl Lewis, Arizona  
 1991—Terrell Buckley, Florida State\*  
 1992—Deon Figures, Colorado  
 1993—Antonio Langham, Alabama

## DOAK WALKER AWARD

(Top junior or senior running back/GTE SMU Athletic Forum of Dallas)

Year—Player, College, Pos.

- 1990—Greg Lewis, Washington  
 1991—Trevor Cobb, Rice\*  
 1992—Garrison Hearst, Georgia\*  
 1993—Byron (Bam) Morris, Texas Tech\*

## LOU GROZA AWARD

(Top place-kicker/ Selected by nationwide panel of sports writers, athletic directors and conference commissioners)

Year—Player, College, Pos.

- 1992—Joe Allison, Memphis State\*  
 1993—Judd Davis, Florida\*

## DIVISION I-AA AWARD WINNERS

\*Junior.

All others seniors.

## WALTER PAYTON AWARD

(Top I-AA player/The Sports Network)

Year—Player, College, Pos.

- 1987—Kenny Gamble, Colgate, RB  
 1988—Dave Meggett, Towson State, RB  
 1989—John Friesz, Idaho, QB  
 1990—Walter Dean, Grambling St., RB  
 1991—Jamie Martin, Weber State, QB\*  
 1992—Michael Payton, Marshall, QB  
 1993—Doug Nussmeier, Idaho, QB

## EDDIE ROBINSON AWARD

(Top I-AA coach/The Sports Network)

Year—Coach, College

- 1987—Mark Duffner, Holy Cross  
 1988—Bill Russo, Lafayette  
 1989—Erk Russell, Georgia Southern  
 1990—Gene McDowell, Central Florida  
 1991—Chris Ault, Nevada  
 1992—Charlie Taaffe, The Citadel  
 1993—Dan Allen, Boston University

## DIVISION II AWARD WINNERS

\*Junior.

†Sophomore.

All others seniors.

## HARLOW HILL TROPHY

(Top Division II player/The Sports Network)

Year—Player, College, Pos.

- 1986—Jeff Bentrin, N. Dakota St., QB  
 1987—Johnny Bailey, Texas A&I, RB†  
 1988—Johnny Bailey, Texas A&I, RB\*  
 1989—Johnny Bailey, Texas A&I, RB

Year—Player, College, Pos.

- 1990—Chris Simdon, N. Dakota St., QB  
 1991—Ronnie West, Pittsburg St., WR  
 1992—Ronald Moore, Pittsburg St., RB  
 1993—Roger Graham, New Haven, RB

## DIVISION III AWARD WINNERS

## GAGLIARDI TROPHY

(Top Division III player)

Year—Player, College, Pos.

- 1993—Jim Ballard, Mount Union, QB



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## NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

MAJOR COLLEGE				AP	COACHES	TSN	Year	Champion	Runner-up	
Year	AP Team	COACHES Team	TSN Team	Year	Team	Team	Team			
1936	Minnesota	....	....	1977	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	1975	Northern Michigan	Western Kentucky
1937	Pittsburgh	....	....	1978	Alabama	Southern Cal	Southern Cal	1976	Montana State	Akron (O.)
1938	Texas Christian	....	....	1979	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	1977	Lehigh (Pa.)	Jacksonville (Ala.) St.
1939	Texas A&M	....	....	1980	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	1978	Eastern Illinois	Delaware
1940	Minnesota	....	....	1981	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	1979	Delaware	Youngstown (O.) St.
1941	Minnesota	....	....	1982	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	1980	Cal Poly SLO	Eastern Illinois
1942	Ohio State	....	....	1983	Miami (Fla.)	Miami (Fla.)	Miami (Fla.)	1981	SW Texas State	North Dakota State
1943	Notre Dame	....	....	1984	BYU	BYU	Florida	1982	SW Texas State	UC Davis
1944	Army	....	....	1985	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	1983	North Dakota State	Central (O.) State
1945	Army	....	....	1986	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State	1984	Troy (Ala.) State	North Dakota State
1946	Notre Dame	....	....	1987	Miami (Fla.)	Miami (Fla.)	Miami (Fla.)	1985	North Dakota State	North Alabama
1947	Notre Dame	....	....	1988	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	1986	North Dakota State	South Dakota
1948	Michigan	....	....	1989	Miami (Fla.)	Miami (Fla.)	Miami (Fla.)	1987	Troy State	Portland (Ore.) State
1949	Notre Dame	....	....	1990	Colorado	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	1988	North Dakota State	Portland State
1950	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	....	1991	Miami (Fla.)	Washington	Washington	1989	Mississippi College	Jacksonville State
1951	Tennessee	Tennessee	....	1992	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	1990	North Dakota State	Indiana (Pa.)
1952	Michigan St.	Michigan St.	....	1993	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida St.	1991	Pittsburg (Kan.) St.	Jacksonville State
1953	Maryland	Maryland	....	<b>NOTE:</b> The coaches' poll switched its affiliation from United Press International to USA Today/CNN in 1991.				1992	Jacksonville State	Pittsburg State
1954	Ohio State	UCLA	....					1993	North Alabama	Indiana
<b>DIVISION I-AA</b>							<b>DIVISION III</b>			
Year	Champion	Runner-up	Year	Champion	Runner-up	Year	Champion	Runner-up		
1978	Florida A&M	Massachusetts	1973	Wittenberg (O.)	Juniata (Pa.)					
1979	Eastern Kentucky	Lehigh (Pa.)	1974	Central (Ia.)	Ithaca (N.Y.)					
1980	Boise (Idaho) State	Eastern Kentucky	1975	Wittenberg	Ithaca					
1981	Idaho State	Eastern Kentucky	1976	St. John's (Minn.)	Towson (Md.) State					
1982	Eastern Kentucky	Delaware	1977	Widener (Pa.)	Wabash (Ind.)					
1983	Southern Illinois	Western Carolina	1978	Baldwin-Wallace (O.)	Wittenberg					
1984	Montana State	Louisiana Tech	1979	Ithaca	Wittenberg					
1985	Georgia Southern	Furman (S.C.)	1980	Dayton (O.)	Ithaca					
1986	Georgia Southern	Arkansas State	1981	Widener	Dayton					
1987	NE Louisiana	Marshall (W.Va.)	1982	West Georgia	Augustana (Ill.)					
1988	Furman	Georgia Southern	1983	Augustana	Union (N.Y.)					
1989	Georgia Southern	S.F. Austin St. (Tex.)	1984	Augustana	Central					
1990	Georgia Southern	Nevada	1985	Augustana	Ithaca					
1991	Youngstown (O.) St.	Marshall	1986	Augustana	Salisbury (Md.) State					
1992	Marshall	Youngstown State	1987	Wagner (N.Y.)	Dayton					
1993	Youngstown State	Marshall	1988	Ithaca	Central					
<b>DIVISION II</b>							1989	Dayton	Union	
Year	Champion	Runner-up	1990	Allegheny (Pa.)	Lycoming (Pa.)					
1973	Louisiana Tech	Western Kentucky	1991	Ithaca	Dayton					
1974	Central Michigan	Delaware	1992	Wisconsin-La Crosse	Wash. & Jeff. (Pa.)					
			1993	Mount Union (O.)	Rowan (N.J.)					

## DIVISION I-AA

Year	Champion	Runner-up
1978	Florida A&M	Massachusetts
1979	Eastern Kentucky	Lehigh (Pa.)
1980	Boise (Idaho) State	Eastern Kentucky
1981	Idaho State	Eastern Kentucky
1982	Eastern Kentucky	Delaware
1983	Southern Illinois	Western Carolina
1984	Montana State	Louisiana Tech
1985	Georgia Southern	Furman (S.C.)
1986	Georgia Southern	Arkansas State
1987	NE Louisiana	Marshall (W.Va.)
1988	Furman	Georgia Southern
1989	Georgia Southern	S.F. Austin St. (Tex.)
1990	Georgia Southern	Nevada
1991	Youngstown (O.) St.	Marshall
1992	Marshall	Youngstown State
1993	Youngstown State	Marshall

## DIVISION II

Year	Champion	Runner-up
1973	Louisiana Tech	Western Kentucky
1974	Central Michigan	Delaware

## DIVISION III

Year	Champion	Runner-up
1973	Wittenberg (O.)	Juniata (Pa.)
1974	Central (Ia.)	Ithaca (N.Y.)
1975	Wittenberg	Ithaca
1976	St. John's (Minn.)	Towson (Md.) State
1977	Widener (Pa.)	Wabash (Ind.)
1978	Baldwin-Wallace (O.)	Wittenberg
1979	Ithaca	Wittenberg
1980	Dayton (O.)	Ithaca
1981	Widener	Dayton
1982	West Georgia	Augustana (Ill.)
1983	Augustana	Union (N.Y.)
1984	Augustana	Central
1985	Augustana	Ithaca
1986	Augustana	Salisbury (Md.) State
1987	Wagner (N.Y.)	Dayton
1988	Ithaca	Central
1989	Dayton	Union
1990	Allegheny (Pa.)	Lycoming (Pa.)
1991	Ithaca	Dayton
1992	Wisconsin-La Crosse	Wash. & Jeff. (Pa.)
1993	Mount Union (O.)	Rowan (N.J.)

## 1993 TSN ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

## FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	J.J. Stokes	UCLA	6-5/214	Jr.
WR	Johnnie Morton	Southern Cal	6-0/190	Sr.
TE	Pete Mitchell	Boston College	6-2/228	Jr.
OL	Aaron Taylor	Notre Dame	6-4/299	Sr.
OL	Jim Pyne	Virginia Tech	6-2/280	Sr.
OL	Mark Dixon	Virginia	6-4/283	Sr.
OL	Stacy Seegars	Clemson	6-4/320	Sr.
OL	Wayne Gandy	Auburn	6-5/275	Sr.
QB	Charlie Ward	Florida State	6-2/190	Sr.
RB	Marshall Faulk	San Diego State	5-10/200	Jr.
RB	LaShon Johnson	Northern Illinois	6-1/201	Sr.

## Defense

Pos.	Name	School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	Rob Waldrop	Arizona	6-2/275	Sr.
DL	Sam Adams	Texas A&M	6-4/269	Jr.
DL	Dan Wilkinson	Ohio State	6-5/300	Soph.
DL	Shante Carver	Arizona State	6-5/240	Sr.
LB	Trev Alberts	Nebraska	6-4/240	Sr.
LB	Derrick Brooks	Florida State	6-1/225	Jr.
LB	Jamir Miller	UCLA	6-4/233	Jr.
DB	Antonio Langham	Alabama	6-1/170	Sr.
DB	Aaron Glenn	Texas A&M	5-10/182	Sr.
DB	Bobby Taylor	Notre Dame	6-3/191	Soph.
DB	Corey Sawyer	Florida State	5-11/171	Jr.

## Special Teams

Pos.	Name	School	Ht./Wt.	Class
KR	David Palmer	Alabama	5-9/170	Jr.
K	Bjorn Merten	UCLA	6-0/203	Fr.
P	Terry Daniel	Auburn	6-1/226	Jr.



Marshall Faulk



Trev Alberts

## SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Ht./Wt.	Class
WR	Ryan Yarbrough	Wyoming	6-2/191	Sr.
WR	Charles Johnson	Colorado	6-1/185	Sr.
TE	Carl Crumpler	East Carolina	6-6/245	Sr.
OL	Korey Stringer	Ohio State	6-6/310	Soph.
OL	Todd Staussie	California	6-6/305	Sr.
OL	Bernard Williams	Georgia	6-9/310	Sr.
OL	Rich Braham	West Virginia	6-5/260	Sr.
OL	Marcus Spears	Northwestern State	6-4/304	Sr.
QB	Heath Shuler	Tennessee	6-3/212	Jr.
RB	Byron Morris	Texas Tech	6-2/235	Jr.
RB	Errett Rhett	Florida	6-0/212	Sr.

## Defense

Pos.	Name	School	Ht./Wt.	Class
DL	Kevin Patrick	Miami (Fla.)	6-4/255	Sr.
DL	Lou Benfatti	Penn State	6-3/270	Sr.
DL	Kevin Mitchell	Syracuse	6-1/240	Sr.
DL	Darren Krein	Miami (Fla.)	6-4/258	Sr.
LB	Sean Harris	Arizona	6-3/240	Jr.
LB	Dana Howard	Illinois	6-0/235	Jr.
LB	Barron Wortham	Texas-El Paso	6-0/230	Sr.
DB	Bracey Walker	North Carolina	5-11/190	Sr.
DB	Jaime Mendez	Kansas State	6-0/200	Sr.
DB	Marvin Goodwin	UCLA	6-1/193	Jr.
DB	Jeff Burris	Notre Dame	6-0/204	Sr.

## Special Teams

Pos.	Name	School	Ht./Wt.	Class
KR	Tamarick Vanover	Florida State	6-0/210	Soph.
K	Scott Tyner	Oklahoma State	6-1/210	Sr.
P	John Becksvort	Tennessee	6-1/170	Jr.



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